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Three-way race for BOS

Candidates needed for other races

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WILMINGTON - Incumbent Michael Newhouse has returned nomination papers for reelection to the Board of Selectmen. He joins incumbent Lou Cimaglia and challenger Dan Murphy on this year's ballot.

"Serving on the Board, particularly during the past three years, has been a pleasure and a privilege," said Newhouse. "I hope the residents see fit to elect me to another term."

Newhouse is a Wilmington native and owns a law office in town. He served on the Board of Selectman from 1996 through 2001, and has served from 2004 to the present.

"I am proud of what the Town has been able to accomplish during such difficult economic times," said Newhouse. "Simply maintaining our level of services without layoffs, and balancing the budget without operating overrides, is quite a feat. I

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Make room for Chili's

Popular restaurant opening on Main St.

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WILMINGTON - Just as well known national burger-chain Sonic breaks ground in Wilmington, plans are underway to bring Chili's Restaurant franchise to town.

Wilmington's Planning and Conservation Director, Carole Hamilton, told the Crier this week that a Chili's restaurant is expected to join the

Wilmington Crossing site on Main Street.

The site already has a site approved for a restaurant, which was originally planned to be occupied by a Ruby Tuesday. The town was informed recently by the owners of Wilmington Crossing that the tenant changed. The plans seek a slightly larger

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A look back at Wilmington of yesteryear...

Ashworth takes Bronze

By LARZ F. NEILSON

WILMINGTON - Fifty years later, it is still a memorable moment in Wilmington sports history. On February 20, 1960, Jeanne Ashworth won a bronze medal in the 1960 Winter Olympics. It was the first Olympic speed skating medal won by an American woman.

With all eyes on the Olympics, it is a good time to look at Wilmington's only Olympic medal winner. The headlines in the Town Crier of 50 years ago never needed a last name. It was just Jeanne.

Jeanne sets new record ... Jeanne wins Bronze Medal ... Jeanne breaks Olympic record ... Jeanne is the Bobby Jones of skating.

As Bobby Jones did in golf, Jeanne held all four top championships in speed skating. She was named to the U.S. Olympic team three times, 1960, 1964 and 1968, winning a bronze medal in 1960. In her career, she won 14 North American or National championships and set a world's record of 44.4 seconds for the 500-meter race in the Olympic tryouts at Colorado Springs in 1963.

The 1950's and early 1960's were a special time in Wilmington. The town was crazy for speed skating and was known as the Home of Champions. In 1958, there were four North American champions in the Wilmington Skating Club - Jeanne Ashworth, Janet (Backman) Tighe, Nancy Weinberg and Drew O'Connell.

Unquestionably the most prominent of these was Jeanne, the fastest woman

skater in North America for several years.

Jeanne Ashworth first learned to skate on a little pond on Lowell Street. Her father Raymond had an ice cream business nearby,

called Sunnyhurst, and a candy shop where the garden center is today. While her father worked at the candy business, Jeanne would go across the street and skate.

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Liam Ford played ice hockey on Silver Lake with Craig and Eric Maxfield on Tuesday morning. Their dog Brandi tagged along hoping for a chance to play. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Knights of Columbus, a 50-year journey

By DANIEL R. CHALMERS

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Knights of Columbus are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The fraternal organization, which places a strong emphasis on

charity and giving back to the community, was founded on small beginnings. But from these modest origins, the Knights have built a lasting legacy in the community.

"We've enjoyed the Knights over the years," said Charter member Al MacMullin.

"We appreciate it enough to give back," said Knight Jack Kavanaugh.

The history of their organization follows the path from humble beginnings to a strong, philanthropic establishment that has become one of the pillars of the community. This opening part in a series on the Wilmington Knights of Columbus traces

the first events that helped bring the Wilmington Knights into existence.

Over fifty years ago, Father Edmund W. Croke, a pastor of St. Thomas Parish, approached a few of his parishioners with the idea of establishing a Knights of Columbus Council in

Wilmington. Included in this initial group of Catholic men were James Castine, Joseph Harrington, Sr., Allan MacMullin, Sr., John O'Brien and James White, Sr., who was Wilmington's Highway Superintendent at the time. After several meetings in

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WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WILMINGTON, MA 01887

EARLY CHILDHOOD

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children entering the Wilmington Public Schools, either Kindergarten or First Grade, must register during

WEEK OF MARCH 1-5, 2010

WILDWOOD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

9:00 - 11:00 and 12:45 - 2:45

BOUTWELL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

8:30 - 10:30 and 12:15 - 2:15

If your child reaches age five (5) on or before August 31, 2010 he/she should register for Kindergarten at this time.

If your child reaches age six (6) on or before August 31, 2010 he/she should register for First Grade at this time, if not already attending a Wilmington Public School Kindergarten program.

In accordance with School Committee policy, no child will be registered to enter first grade if he/she has not turned six (6) prior to August 31, 2010 even if they have completed a kindergarten program elsewhere.

The following items must be presented at the time of registration:

I. Original birth certificate with official seal

II. Proof of Residency (one of the following items)

- Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
- Fully signed and executed Lease and/or Rental Agreement (Must be executed by both parties)
- Notarized Landlord/Owner of Property Affidavit (please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Residency Statement/Affidavit")
- Fully signed and executed Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement (provided occupancy date occurs within 30 days of enrollment)
- Section 8 Agreement

III. Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)

- Gas/Oil Bill, Electric Bill, Home (not cell) Telephone Bill, Cable Bill, Water Bill (Note: Bill must be dated within the past 45 days and address and name must be stated)
- Recent bill (other than that stated above dated within the past 45 days showing Wilmington address and name. However, a Residency Statement/Affidavit is REQUIRED with this option. Please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used)
- Occupancy Statement/Affidavit must be notarized if a bill can not be provided prior to student's enrollment (please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Occupancy Statement/Affidavit")

IV. Proof of Identity (one of the following items)

- Valid MA Driver's License
- Valid MA Photo ID Card
- Valid Passport
- Other Government issued Photo ID

NOTE: Parents registering children for Kindergarten will also register at this time for the Early Childhood Kindergarten/Preschool screening. This screening will be conducted in May, further information will be provided at the time of registration. Also, screening is available to three (3) and four (4) year olds whose parents believe that their child has a reasonable likelihood of having any disabilities. Parents of three (3) and four (4) year olds wishing to have their child screened may also schedule an appointment during the above dates at the Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers.

WILMINGTON PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

PLACES: Boutwell Early Childhood Center & Wildwood Early Childhood Center
17 Boutwell Street 182 Wildwood Street
Wilmington, MA 01887
978-694-6070 978-694-6010

DATES: March 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
TIMES: Boutwell Early Childhood Center Wildwood Early Childhood Center
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
12:15 PM to 2:15 PM 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM

AGE REQUIREMENT: Children must be 3 years old by August 31, 2010

TUITION: Current Tuition is: \$2,725.00 - Tuition for 2010-2011 to be determined

SCHEDULE: BOUTWELL WILDWOOD

AM SESSION 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

PM SESSION 11:05 AM to 1:35 PM 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

WHAT IS NEEDED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE PRESCHOOL LOTTERY

- I. Original birth certificate with official seal
- II Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)
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 - Recent bill (other than that stated above dated within the past 45 days showing Wilmington address and name. However, a Residency Statement/Affidavit is REQUIRED with this option. Please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used.)
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- III \$25.00 Registration Fee (check or money order No Cash Please payable to Wilmington Preschool)

IF YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS DRAWN IN THE LOTTERY THE FOLLOWING PROOFS OF RESIDENCY MUST BE PROVIDED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE DRAWING

- IV Proof of Residency. (one of the following items)
 - Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
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OPEN HOUSE A brief open house will be conducted on Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 (Snow Date: Thursday, February 25th) in both preschool classes from 9:15 to 9:45 AM or from 12:45 to 1:15 PM If you would like to observe the classrooms before registration, you may do so at this time. Please call ahead and let the school know which session you are planning to attend for the open house.

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Ashworth takes Bronze

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There are tennis courts next to the pond now, but in the 1940's, it was part of a farm. The Ashworth family lived on Church Street. Jeanne was the oldest of three girls.

The first race that Jeanne ever competed in was the Silver Skates Derby in Boston

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It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois



KEEP A 401(K)
OR ROLL IT OVER?

The common wisdom, when you leave a job or retire, is to roll over the money into an IRA. There are good reasons for this.

It's easier to keep track of your retirement accounts if they are stashed in one place, perhaps with an investment advisor available. There are usually more investment options available than in an employer's plan, too. If you need to take money out in retirement, it's much easier with an IRA.

But, in certain circumstances, it may be advisable to stay with a former employer's 401(k). If you've turned 55 but not yet 59 1/2, it's a lot easier to tap a 401(k) without penalty than to get at your IRA cash. If you continue to work after age 70 1/2, you can postpone taking distributions from a 401(k) but not from an IRA. If the plan is large and well run, investment expenses may be lower than in an IRA. And if your plan includes a large amount of company stock, there may be tax consequences in rolling it over.

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Garden. Her favorite story had always been "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates," so, at the age of six, she talked her mother into entering her in the race. She decided after this first experience of racing that she would be a speed skater, wrote Barbara Kelley in the Lake Placid News.

The Wilmington Skating Club had its start in the mid-1940's, and the Backman family was at the center of it. And then along came Jeanne. As an eighth grader in 1952, she won her first North American championship. She, along with Janet and Leon Backman, were welcomed home to a tumultuous celebration.

Skating competition would take Jeanne and other Wilmington skaters to many places - Lake Placid, N.Y., Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado.

By 1957, she had won everything there was to win locally and in Boston. She could no longer compete in the Silver Skates.

As she advanced into Olympic competition, Jeanne had to learn a different type of racing. American speed skaters would race in a pack,

almost like a horse race. Jeanne had to adopt the European style, in which two skaters compete against one another. And once she had learned the European style of racing, she could no longer compete in North American racing, for concern of reverting to habits she had overcome.

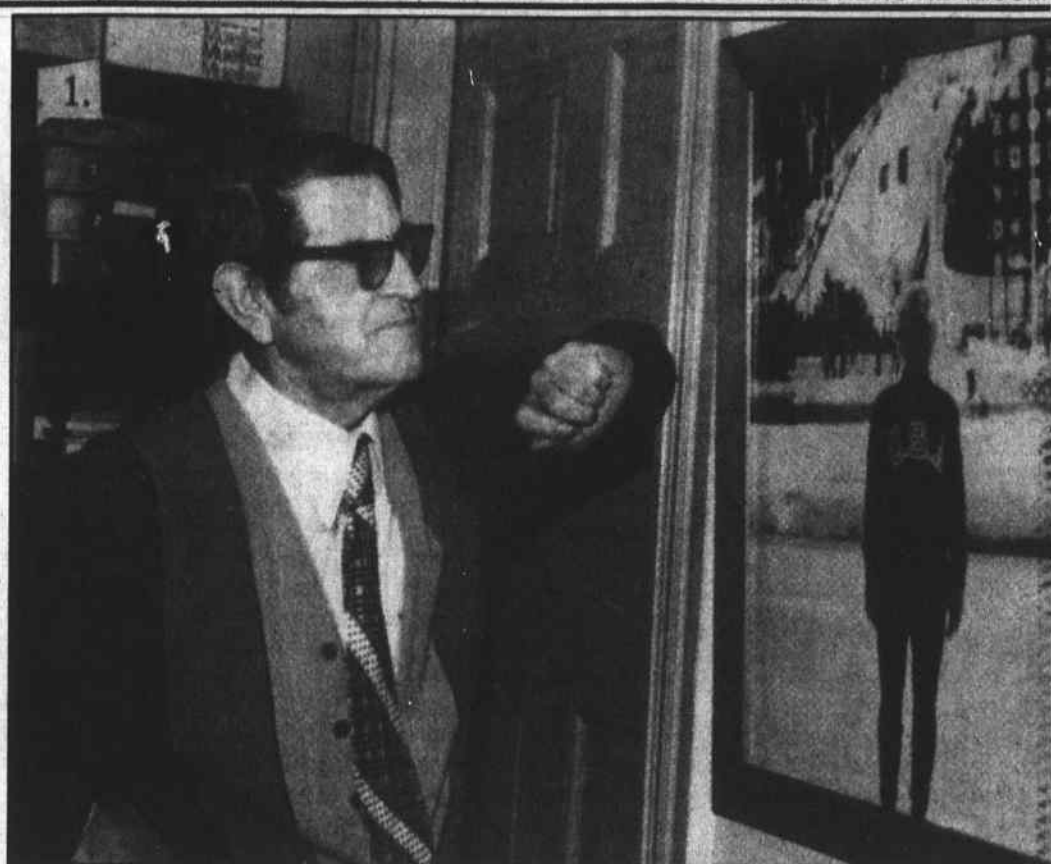
In February 1960, Jeanne went to Squaw Valley, California for the Winter Olympics. It was the first time that women's speed skating was an official Olympic sport. On February 20, 1960, she placed third in the 500-meter race. First place went to Helga Haase of East Germany. Her time was 45.9 seconds. A Russian, Natalya Donschenko took second with 46 seconds. Jeanne's time was 46.1 seconds.

In the 1,000-meter race, she placed tenth, with a time of 1:34.5, just 2.4 seconds behind the gold medalist. In the 1,500, she was 11th, at 2:33.7, eight seconds behind the winner. And in the 3,000, she placed eighth in a field of 20, 14.3 seconds behind the winner.

The Olympic experience was life-changing for Jeanne. "It's hard to know whether I was who I was before the Olympics," she said. "It's been with me my entire life - it's in every single cell in my body."

One very distinct change was her travel. Before the Olympics, she traveled in the U.S. After the Olympics it was off to Europe.

In 1962, Jeanne went to



Jeanne Ashworth's picture, taken at the Olympics, hung on the wall in Larry Cushing's office for many years. Jeanne won a bronze medal in the 500 meter speed skating event in the 1960 Olympics. Cushing was the long-time athletic director and recreation director in Wilmington. File photo

Norway for training for six weeks. She finished 10th in the World Championships in Imatra, Finland.

She later went to Sweden for training, but only spent a few weeks on ice, due to a broken ankle. But after that healed, she toured northern Europe on bicycle. And she visited Helga Haase in Berlin.

In the meantime, she had graduated from Tufts University with a degree in physical therapy.

She qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team again in 1964 and 1968. In the Olympic trials in Colorado Springs, Colorado in December 1963, she set a world Olympic record of 44.4 seconds in the 500-meter race. The 1964 races, though, were swept by a Russian, Lidya Skoblikova, who won the gold in all four events. The Russian team took all three medals in the 500, and two out of three in each of the other events. In the 500-meter race, Jeanne pulled a tendon on the last curve of the race. She finished fourth in a field of 28.

Jeanne left Wilmington after college and moved to Wilmington, New York, near Lake Placid. Her parents also moved there and her father became the candy concessionaire to Santa's Workshop. Jeanne worked alongside him for 25 years. Eventually, she decided it was time for a change, and went to wood-working school and became a cabinetmaker. She coached Pee Wee speed skating for many years, eager to pass on the excitement and learning opportunities of athletic competition.

In 1980, Lake Placid hosted the Winter Olympics, and Jeanne was on the local committee. She flew to Greece aboard an Air Force Presidential jet to get the Olympic Flame and bring it to the U.S. She described this as the thrill of a lifetime.

About ten years ago, she tossed her hat into the political ring and was elected town supervisor of Wilmington, New York, a village of 1,113 people. The position was like that of mayor. In Wilmington, Mass., one of her greatest fans was George Spanos, who was called the Mayor of Wilmington. For several years, she was the mayor of Wilmington - New York.



Jeanne Ashworth grew up in Wilmington and won the Bronze in the Olympics in speed skating.

Make room for Chili's

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footprint but with fewer seats.

Slated for the open area on the north end of the property abutting Main Street, the new restaurant will enjoy good visibility. Hamilton said that the company plans to break ground in March and anticipates opening in late summer or early fall.

Sonic, a well-known burger restaurant known for car side - or carhop - delivery, broke ground last week and plans to open April 5. Hamilton said that due to the consistent layout of the restaurant floor plan and because portions

can be prefabricated, the building "goes up incredibly fast."

Chili's is a Brinker International Inc. brand. Brinker is also known for On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina restaurant chain and Maggiano's Little Italy. Brinker says it is one of the world's "leading casual dining restaurant companies," with more than 1,700 restaurants and over 125,000 employees in 27 countries and two territories. Brinker serves more than one million diners every day.

Reading Civic Band shows its True Colors

READING - On Sunday, February 28, the Reading Civic Concert Band will present its winter concert at the Reading Memorial High School auditorium. Historically, RCCB has organized concerts around a theme, such as the 'British

Invasion' concert last fall, the 'Fire' concert the year before, and its gospel collaboration with Boston Community Chorus, etc. This time, Director/Conductor Lucinda Ellert has pulled together music from the whole spectrum of genres available to a symphonic wind band. The concert title, "True Colors," promises to be more of a salad of tone colors, such as: The Red Pony; Dance of the Rose-Maidens; Blue Shades; The Green Domino; The Black-Horse Troop March; The Yellow Mountains, etc. The doors will open at 2:30 p.m., the first downbeat falls at 3:00 p.m., and the concert should run about 90 minutes. Admission at the door will be \$12, \$8 for students and seniors, and children ages 8 and under are free. The Reading Civic Concert Band is a not-for-profit collaboration of musicians, local business, private sponsors, and is partially supported by the First Congregational Church of Reading. Admission is charged solely to defray the costs of producing the concert. If you are interested in sponsorship, in joining the band, or helping out on the Board of Directors, contact info is at: www.ReadingCivicBand.org.

Kathryn Fraser earns Champlain College Honors

BURLINGTON, VT - Kathryn Fraser, a resident of Wilmington, has been named to the Fall 2009 Champlain College's Dean's List for academic achievements. Fraser is majoring in Radiography. Students named to the Dean's List are full-time students with a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or more. President's List honors are for a grade-point average of 4.0. Trustees Scholar students are students on the President's List for two consecutive semesters.

Fraser is the Daughter of Maria and Scott Fraser of Wilmington.

Champlain College, a private baccalaureate institution, located in Burlington,

Vt., is a national leader in educating students through its unique program that prepares students for life beyond college with a mix of professional training, academic enrichment and cultural immersion. Champlain, founded in 1878, is ranked in the top tier of Best Comprehensive Colleges in the North by U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges 2010. Champlain has approximately 2,000 students, representing 32 states and 17 countries. It offers study abroad programs at campuses in Montreal, Quebec and Dublin, Ireland. For more information, visit www.champlain.edu.

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Letters to the editor

Vote for the new high school

To the Editor:

On Monday evening, March 1, a Special Town Meeting will be held for the citizens of Tewksbury to vote on a new high school. This is a tremendously important decision for the community. The present building is well past being an adequate educational facility. The town now has a "once in a life time" opportunity to get a new building with the important state of the art facilities that our students deserve and that the town requires to remain competitive as a desirable place to live.

The financial package, including a 60% reimbursement from the state and a very favorable time for bidding that will lower the cost even further, will never be more attractive.

The enthusiasm and pride that a new high school building brings to a community - students, faculty, parents and all residents - is amazing. I have experienced this pride and enthusiasm as a retired

Assistant Superintendent and member of the new 69 million dollar high school building commit-

tee in a neighboring community. The school opened in September, 2008, on time and under budget. The reaction in the community continues to be amazing. The new school has strengthened home values, increased the attractiveness of the community as a place to live, encouraged growth and desirable development, and has provided facilities that can be shared with the community for evening and weekend activities. I am sure that the results would be the same here in Tewksbury.

Tewksbury High School has an excellent faculty and administration and a strong, highly regarded academic program. A new building will provide the facilities that will enhance all the very good things that are taking place at the school. Hopefully, citizens will turn out on March 1 at the Special Town Meeting and on March 6 for the Town Ballot Vote to vote in favor of the new high school and not miss this golden opportunity that will yield substantial dividends well into the future.

William J. Horrigan
Tewksbury

Naive selectman

Dear Editor:

Last week the Town Crier had a front-page story under the headline "Ballot shaping up" which included several statements by Wilmington Selectman Lou Cimaglia. In my opinion, some of Mr. Cimaglia's statements demonstrated a dangerous level of naivete. I disagree with Mr. Cimaglia that the civility which he notes to have existed on the Board of Selectmen (BOS) over the last three years originates from professionalism. In my opinion, a better reason for the apparent civility would be rubberstampism. The connection to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) did not "solve" the town's water shortage. This connection represents a necessary longer-term interim action to replace a portion of Wilmington's water supply which was lost due to the short sightedness of both Massachusetts and Wilmington government officials. Despite how the facts have often been represented, in my opinion the loss of our water supply was largely avoidable. I also take particular objection to Mr. Cimaglia stating that the average property tax increase over the last two

years has been \$14. What is amazing to me is that Mr. Cimaglia may actually believe that statement! Over the last 10 years Wilmington has experienced an annual increase in residential property taxes of something on the order of 5.64%. Due to our current declining economic conditions and loss of property value, tax year 2009 saw a property tax decrease of something on the order of 5.04% from 2008, but an increase of 10.42% (!) from 2009 to 2010.

At the BOS meeting held on February 8, 2010 Selectmen Chairman Michael Newhouse requested that the town manager investigate what user fees may be available to enhance revenues in the event that the Governors estimated/proposed budget for aid to local towns falls short. Selectman Michael Champoux also requested a report on what user fees other towns are utilizing. Based on hearing these requests, I believe that Mr. Cimaglia's boast that Wilmington has no fees for busing, sports, or trash collection may be premature.

Sincerely,
George Lingenfelter
Wilmington

Time is running out

Dear Editor,

The facts, as I understand them regarding the proposed New Tewksbury Memorial High School are, in a nutshell, as follows:

1. The New High School Project will be financed through a one-time debt exclusion not to override.
2. The Project cost maximum is \$82 million.
3. 60.06% of the reimbursable items are guaranteed to be funded by the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA). The town will be reimbursed every 30 days.
4. \$37 million to be paid by Tewksbury.
5. Based on a home valued at \$300,000 the estimated cost would be \$16.25 per month or \$3.77 per week (approximately \$195.00 per year, a total \$3900 over twenty years).
6. The current High School's aging condition and the fact it does not meet accreditation standards has a negative

impact on teaching and learning.

7. Another major fact is the MSBA funds are there now and if we do not pass Article 1 (one) at the Special Town Meeting the funds will go to another community.

Time is running out. The clock is ticking. Current students and future students are waiting in the wings. We must not let them be denied their rightful place on the world's stage. Our children are the hope of the future.

On March 1, 2010 at the Special Town Meeting our YES vote on Article 1 will move us one step closer to upgrading the educational future of Tewksbury students. Our YES vote at the polls on March 6, 2010 will complete the journey.

A new day is dawning - don't miss it - be there!

Joan Dunlevy
Tewksbury Resident and
Registered Voter



Betsy's Best Bets

by Betsy Woods McGuire

Silver Bells and Cockle Shells

Though an old man I am but a young gardener. (Thomas Jefferson)

"When it comes to being a team player, you know ... joining something, signing up, being part of a group - well, that's just not me. The word 'loner' has a somewhat negative connotation so I prefer 'solitary' or 'self-contained' to describe my ilk. Twice in my life I got the crazy idea that I wanted to join a certain club or group. Both times, after half an hour or so, I quietly excused myself, pulling my jacket over my shoulders as if I had to run out to my car for something that I forgot, or needed a cigarette (back when everyone smoked), stepped outside - and never returned. It might be the writer in me. I feel like a spectator more than a member of a group - an imposter mentally taking notes, observing the scene. Since those two failed attempts, decades ago, at 'coming aboard' the thought has not crossed my mind. That is, until recently.

Last October as I was leaving the Library, I glanced at the side wall, as I always do, to see what was tacked up that sounded interesting. A notice jumped out at me: JOIN US AT THE WILMINGTON LIBRARY FOR A DISCUSSION ON FALL PLANTING ... sponsored by the Wilmington Garden Club. Hmmm ... for several years I had been trying to shift my perennial garden to more fall flowers but beyond the common mums and asters, I needed help.

That evening was a blast. The speaker was really good - engaging and informative. She had answers for all of the questions that the audience asked, and she stuck around afterwards for those of us who couldn't get enough of picking her brain. Most of us brought note books - I tried to write down every word she said. But the best part and the biggest surprise to me was how much fun I had!

Buried somewhere down deep in my subconscious was the stereotype of a "garden club woman" as well-off, stuffy, wearing a pill box hat, white gloves and directing a European horticulturist around her formal gardens. Not really, but you get the idea. Instead, the Garden Club is informal, friendly and familiar. There were lots of side conversations, joking around and swapping stories and notes. Tea and coffee and an array of tasty home-baked goodies were served at the end. They sounded like my kind of people, so I took the leap and joined.

Keep in mind that the Garden Club is a civic organization. That means caring about our natural environment, appreciating the wonder of nature and attending to the beautification of our community. It's the Garden Club that plants and maintains the flower boxes at the intersections of Rt.129/38 and Rt.62/Woburn Street and elsewhere. When you see a garden on public property or

flowers in front of a memorial, most likely it's the work of the Garden Club.

On a personal level, the monthly meetings are where members benefit the most. Every month, after the usual business, there's a speaker or floral demonstration or craft of some sort - and of course, refreshments. At the last meeting the group sitting at the back was almost rowdy (Ahem). We missed half of the explanation on how to do the craft we were working on, because we were too busy making fun of each other and our lack of skill in following directions. Does that sound like the garden clubs of yesteryear? And besides the enjoyment of the monthly meetings, the Garden Club hosts a yearly plant sale, volunteers at the local nursing home and holds several holiday socials.

Five years ago I bought a bike. It's called the "Retro Classic" (like me), with balloon tires, foot brake, wide seat, regular handlebars, a bell, a basket, fenders. It took a long time to get conditioned to riding again, so for at least six months I never went further than about one mile from my door. Unexpectedly though, a funny thing happened along the way. I started to notice yards and gardens - I mean really noticing, as in snooping and scrutinizing, not far from spying on the prettiest ones. If someone was outside watering or weeding I would stop

and mention how nice the yard looked. Now I'm on waving and chitchatting terms with some of these gardeners. They know where I live too, so we exchange compliments and comments every so often during the season. Actually I get many more remarks on my birdhouses than my yard - but that's another story.

In keeping with my latest ambition, I'm practicing avoiding agitating news reports, irritating people and useless personal improvement pursuits. Rather, I'm searching for my "higher self" (no wise cracks) and hoping that the Garden Club will be one of the avenues to that end. Just think, what's more Zen than gazing at a single rose, or looking up at a giant sunflower, or simply digging in the dirt?

This spring I'm going to put a note pad and pen in my bike basket - and head out. What better way to find all those hidden gardens than by bike? From the most congested neighborhoods and dead-end streets to the out-of-the-way and mostly out-of-sight spots, I'll make my list. Geez, maybe during my travels, I can be a one-woman, two-wheel way to spread the word, leaving little notes tucked in and about the perennials and petunias saying "We need you - join the Garden Club" ... It's not your father's Oldsmobile.

Comments/Questions bet-symcg@comcast.net



What's Cooking?

by Paula Murphy

Weeknight Pasta

It's been a crazy two weeks here at the Murphy house. My son was hospitalized (he's better now, but we had some scary moments). While we were with him, my mom, who has severe dementia, escaped her caregiver and took a joy ride in the car. She made it all the way to Woburn before the police found her, and she ended up in the hospital too! Somewhere in the middle of all this, my husband fell and broke his tailbone. Needless to say, there wasn't much cooking going on around here. Things are calmer now, and it's time to forget about pizza and sub delivery and turn to home-made comfort food. What's better than week night pasta?

Bowtie Pasta with Peas and Ham

1 pound bowtie pasta
1 1/2 cups frozen peas
1/4 cup butter
8 ounces ham, diced
3 tablespoons light cream
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
1/4 cup grated Parmesan

cheese
salt and pepper to taste
Boil the peas in lightly salted water for 4 minutes. Drain and place in a large skillet with the butter and ham, and sauté over medium-low heat for 10 minutes. Stir in half the cream and cook until the sauce thickens. Add the parsley, and season with salt and pepper. Meanwhile cook the bowtie pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente. Drain well and pour into the skillet with the sauce. Add the remaining cream and Parmesan. Toss well and serve.

Linguine with Tuna, Capers, and Olives

1 pound linguine
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 teaspoon dried sage
1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
1 tablespoon drained chopped capers
1/4 cup drained chopped green olives
2 6 ounce cans tuna packed in olive oil
1/2 teaspoon wine vinegar
2 tablespoons chopped fresh

parsley
salt and pepper to taste
In a medium frying pan over medium-low heat, heat the olive oil and add the garlic, sage, and rosemary. When garlic is golden, add in capers, olives, salt, pepper, and the tuna with its oil. Remove from the heat and stir in the vinegar. Meanwhile cook the linguine in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente. Drain well and toss with the tuna sauce and parsley.

Rigatoni with Sausage, Escarole, and Beans

1 pound rigatoni
1 pound Italian sausage
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 cloves of garlic, minced
2 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 head escarole, washed and torn into pieces
1 15 ounce can rinsed and

drained cannellini beans
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
salt and pepper to taste
In a large deep frying pan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the sausage and cook until browned and cooked through. Remove, set aside, and slice into 1/4 inch slices when cool enough to handle. Put the garlic and broth in the pan and bring to a simmer. Add in escarole, cover, and simmer until wilted, about five minutes. Add in sausage, beans, Parmesan, salt and pepper and simmer one minute longer. Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling, salted water, cook rigatoni until al dente. Drain well, and toss with the sauce. Serve with additional Parmesan.

Please send your recipes to Paula at paula.wilmington-cooks@hotmail.com

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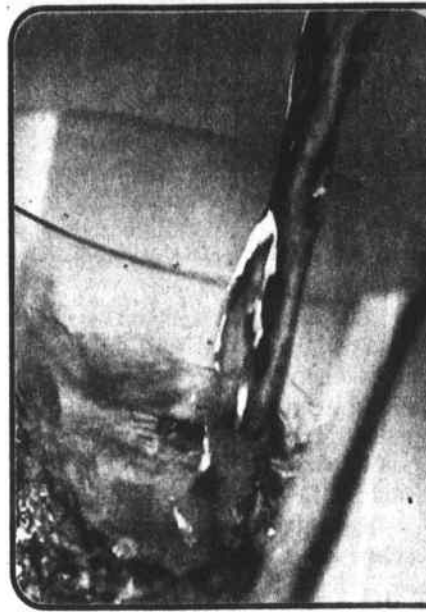
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Around the Dial with WCTV

Happy B-Day WCTV

As you know, WCTV moved into its new home on 10 Waltham Street February 17, 2009.

Since then, we've been working very hard at making WCTV the best it can be. One of the recent decisions we've made concerns membership and how we can better serve you efficiently. If you, your family or organization were ever members of WCTV you will be receiving a contact call from one of our staff as we update our database. During this call you will find out about an exciting renewal opportunity we're offering. If

you are currently an active and paid member of WCTV, your membership will be considered active until June 11, 2011 - regardless of the expiration date. If your renewal date falls before this date, your membership fee will be adjusted accordingly. Anyone who rejoins WCTV during our special membership drive will also be "grandfathered" in with an expiration date of June 11, 2011. This means that if you take advantage of this opportunity now - you will actually get more membership time for your dollar! Because we believe Cable

Access Television is an important part of your community we are willing to make it as affordable and convenient for you, our membership, as possible.

Once you become a member you will receive an official WCTV membership card, which you will be asked to present each time you come to WCTV to attend classes, take out equipment or volunteer for a crew position - much like the card you use at Wilmington Memorial Library. Your WCTV membership card will have an identifying code on it and in

this way we can keep an accurate track of what your needs are in the community and how WCTV is being used. This will help us determine how we can better serve you in the future, which is our ultimate goal.

If you are not a member, or wish to reactive your membership, there couldn't be a better time to join, so give Lisa a call at (978) 657-4066 and ask about our special membership offer. We'll be glad you did and you will too!



Make-A-Wish fundraising dance this Saturday, February 20th

WILMINGTON - The Make-A-Wish Dance will be held on February 20, 2010 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wilmington. Pat O'Brien of Wilmington and her entire family are holding their annual fundraiser to honor the memory of her beloved daughter, Colleen O'Brien. Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions by granting wishes to those children.

In 1987, Colleen was the first child granted a wish by the newly formed Massachusetts chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The O'Brien family has been organizing this dance to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation for 23 years. The dance is always held on the last Saturday of February vacation and it is the longest-running annual fundraising event for the Massachusetts chapter.

At five years of age, Colleen was diagnosed with the debilitating Niemann-Pick disease and she fought a courageous battle for three years, but lost her battle at the tender age of eight.

O'Brien said, "I learned about the Make-A-Wish Foundation through my sister who worked in Boston. They were still forming the Massachusetts chapter at the time."

Colleen was granted a two-week family vacation at York Beach in July, and Colleen survived until November of that year. That two-week family vacation and the opportunity to see pure joy on Colleen's face, meant so much to the O'Brien family that for the last 23 years they have organized a fundraiser to give back to the organization - every dollar raised is given to Make-A-Wish.

As always, the O'Brien family will be there to greet people and to sell raffle tickets for

a wide array of prizes that have been donated. Amazingly, loyal donors have not let the economy prevent them from donating goods or services to the event and cite that the cause is so worthwhile that they are happy to play a role in the event.

The Make-A-Wish Dance, which is sponsored by Friends of Make-A-Wish, runs from 7:00 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are available now for a donation \$6.00. Please call either 978-658-6162 or 781-507-1630 for tickets.

If you would like to learn more about how to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation reach its goal of granting wishes for Massachusetts children and their families this year, visit www.mass.wish.org.

Wilmington "Good Guy" nominations

WILMINGTON - Do you know this year's Good Guy? Tell the Good Guy Committee about this most deserving person! The "Good Guy" Committee is looking for a special person in the community to honor as this year's "Good Guy" recipient. The 42nd annual event is designed to honor that person - male or female - who goes beyond the normal call of duty to make the community a better place in which to live. The only requirement is that this person may not be a politician.

If you know of someone who deserves this award, please let the Good Guy Committee know. When you submit your nomination, please let the Committee know the reasons why you feel this individual should be honored. Send your nominations to: The "Good Guy" Committee, c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harlowe Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. If you wish to email your nomination, send it to: wilmingtongoodguy@verizon.net.

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Fall in love with The Book Store Next Door

WILMINGTON - The Book Store Next Door (183 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington) is open every Saturday (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) this February. Find out why so many people are in love with the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library's used bookstore.

Customers love that they always find a good book. The store has more than 5,000 titles to choose from, with hundreds added weekly. In addition to the Fiction Room, Non-Fiction Room, and Children's Room, the store now features a Media Room, filled with Books-on-CD, Books-on-Tape, CD's, Computer Games, DVD's, and Videos.

Customers love that their purchases always help a good cause. Every penny raised benefits the Wilmington Memorial Library. The store, run entirely by volunteers, is the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial

Library's #1 fundraiser. Customers love that they always receive a good deal. All books for adults are priced \$2 or less - 50 cents for mass market paperbacks; \$1 for trade paperbacks; and \$2 for hardcovers. All books for children are priced \$1 or less - 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1 for hardcovers.

Customers love that they have a place to recycle their gently used books. Donations may be dropped off on Saturdays when the store is open. Cashiers can give customers a receipt confirming the number of books donated. Customers must calculate the value of their donations for a tax deduction.

Conveniently located next to the Wilmington Memorial Library, it's time you discover the Book Store Next Door. Be prepared to fall in love! Please contact Manager Robert Hayes (folwilmington@yahoo.com, 978-604-8933) for further information.

TMHS SADD

TMHS Students Confront Destructive Lifestyles Limos by Liz is Helping Save Lives

By Andy Bellistri.
TMHS English Teacher and
SADD Advisor

As an organization, one of SADD's major goals is to prevent tragedies and ensure that no one in our TMHS community becomes just another statistic. As prom season quickly approaches, we are launching a new initiative to keep kids safe. It seems that every year, one commonwealth community is deeply affected by the loss of a young life due to poor decisions behind the wheel around prom time. One way for us to prevent Tewksbury from becoming that town this year is to offer some of our students a free, safe and stylish ride to the Danversport Yacht Club on their special night.

In January, we reached out to local businesses with the hope that one company might be willing to assist us in our mission to keep our peers safe. It wasn't long before Frank Rosetti, owner of Limousines by Liz in Lynnfield, agreed to donate a 14-passenger Lincoln Ultra Stretch limo. In speaking with Mr. Rosetti, he was more than happy to do whatever he could to help us out and provide TMHS seniors with a no-cost night to remember.

Limousines by Liz offers professional, five-star transportation to all types of events including proms, weddings, athletic events, concerts and more. They have provided services for Charlie Moore (the Mad Fisherman),

many past and present Bruins, Patriots, Red Sox and Celtics players, celebrities like Alice Cooper and countless other individuals who were looking to make their event one to remember. In addition to the 6, 8, 10 and 14-passenger limos, Limos by Liz also offers several larger vehicles like the 22-passenger Hummer Stretch limo and 22 and 28-passenger limo busses which have become very popular in recent months.

For a complete list of services provided by Limousines by Liz and to learn more about their company, please visit their website, www.limosbyliz.com, or feel free to give them a call at 781-477-0707.

In addition to providing some of our seniors with a

safe ride to the prom, Limos by Liz is also helping the entire TMHS community. As we raffle off chances to win this free limo, proceeds raised will go back to the SADD program and will be used to fund various speakers, presentations and ongoing campaigns planned for the coming months. Tickets cost \$5 for one or \$10 for three. They will be sold at TMHS before school outside of the cafeteria and during student lunches inside the café every day through Friday, February 26. The winner will be drawn that afternoon. Don't delay or you will miss out on this great opportunity to ride in style to your senior prom for free thanks to Limos by Liz!

Guest Op-Ed

Time to hustle and adapt to the times -Re-learning life's best lessons

By ROBERT McNABB

(Longtime Wilmington resident and Executive Director of the Woburn Housing Authority, Robert McNabb is the president of the Mass. Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials.)

When I was a young boy growing up on Bennington Street in East Boston, we had very little in terms of wealth and assets.

My mother was from a very large Irish family; she was the oldest of 13 children, and my dad was her high school sweetheart who had returned from the Marine Corps after receiving four Battle Stars in the South Pacific.

East Boston at the time was predominantly Italian and most families in the neighborhood were in the same boat, so to speak. None of us, how-

ever, knew that we were poor!

My best friend, Patsy Piccorillo, and I would be as opportunistic as we possibly could be. We would work the churches on Sunday shining shoes and selling newspapers. We'd take our roller skates, make a scooter, get a wagon and run groceries from the stores for the old ladies for a tip. We would throw pennies from the gutter to the wall or play stick ball for any thing of value. Patsy and I even learned a little Latin to become altar boys at weddings for the envelopes. In other words we could "hustle." We would find ways to adapt! We always had each other's back.

I bet you're all saying to one another, "Where is this guy going with all this?" Well, the current climate in which public housing finds itself may be

going backwards to those days long ago when you had IQ hustle - when you refined certain skill sets, looked for alternatives in order to advance, observed your environment and made the best of it.

All of us want to protect our residents, our employees, our properties and our families. Our residents have a very significant and important role to play if our public housing developments are to survive this crisis! Certainly getting into the political arena and educating our elected officials is a very important objective and is very much attainable.

The other is employment. Those LHAs (Local Housing Authority's) with higher household incomes are less dependent on subsidy and have more capacity than

those LHAs with very low rental income.

I recommend that we seriously look at employment environments and create ways to assist our residents in finding jobs. I believe there are residents who want to work, and I also know there are residents who need to have employment. It is a win/win proposition if we are successful. Getting a deck upgrade on the Titanic is not acceptable! No matter what our financial conditions are, no matter what the economy dictates, we are all in the same neighborhood. We know how to "hustle!"

The first two Latin words I learned at 7-years-old were "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful). Thanks, Dad! We must have each others' backs!

Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club presents a Night of Comedy

TEWKSBURY - Featuring Kevin Rogerson, Jonny Pizzi, Paul Gilligan and House DJ Jane Marie. These are well known comedians from Giggles and have entertained many audiences all over the state.

The show takes place on Saturday, February 27, and early bird ticket purchases made before February 15 will be entered into a special drawing. So get your tickets early - there is limited seating!!

Tickets are available at the following locations: Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club, located at 79 Chandler Street in Tewksbury on any Tuesday night; Vicks Waffle House on

Main Street in Tewksbury, and Flaherty Jewelers, located in Wilmington shopping plaza. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds from this fund raising event will provide financial assistance for the SCTP Jr. Trap program.

Doors open at 8pm and show will start at 9pm. Donation is \$20/person. There will also be a cash bar and Pub style food available at a modest cost. As part of the fund raising activities there will also be raffles available.

Location: Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club, 79 Chandler St.
Time: Doors open at 8pm show starts at 9pm.

Simmons College Dean's List

BOSTON - The following local residents were named to the 2009 spring semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston.

* Jennifer Moore, a Tewksbury resident, who is a senior at Simmons. Her major is English.

* Kathryn Cole, a Wilmington resident, who is a sophomore at Simmons. Her major is undeclared.

* Erin Carter, a Wilmington resident, who is a junior at Simmons. Her major is art.

* Jessica Ham, a Wilmington resident, who is a senior at Simmons. Her major is Spanish.

* Dominika Hudcova, a Wilmington resident, who is a senior at Simmons. Her major is art and computer

science.

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Simmons College (www.simmons.edu) is a nationally recognized private university located in the heart of Boston. It offers an undergraduate education for women, and renowned coeducational graduate programs in health sciences, education, liberal arts, social work, library and information science, and communications management, as well as the nation's first MBA program designed specifically for women.

Tewksbury Senior Topics

Yard Sale Saturday; Silver Tones Dance Feb 26; Fuel assistance still available; March will be busy!

The Seniors will hold a "Winter Indoor Yard Sale" this Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street. Table rentals are available at \$15 per table or two tables for \$25. Luncheon specials will also be available. This would be a great time to rent a table and get a "jump start" on spring cleaning. For more information call 978-640-4480. This event is open to the public.

Yard sale set-up and kitchen prep will take place this Thursday, February 18th at 3:00 PM.

A special note of thanks is extended to all those who helped with the Valentine Dance this past weekend. A good time was had by all and our guests of honor seemed to enjoy the evening.

A thank you is also extended to Representative Jim Miceli for his part in the evening and for presenting citations to our special couples from the House of Representatives and from the Senate for Senator Sue Tucker.

Tickets will go on sale this coming Monday, February 22nd for the Mohegan Sun day trip of Tuesday, March 16th. The ticket cost is \$21 per person.

In the afternoon next Monday, February 22, DJ Jon

Mansfield will hold an afternoon dance. Lunch will be served at 11:30 followed by dancing. It should be noted that tickets are NOT available at the door but must be obtained prior to the event.

The Silver Tones Band will hold its monthly dance at the Senior Center next Friday, February 26th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The band has invited those couples married 50 years and over as their guests for the evening. There is a \$10 ticket fee for all others. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Residents are reminded that there is a Special Town Meeting being held on Monday, March 1 at the High School as well as a Special Town Election being held on Saturday, March 6th.

Several up-coming events at the Senior Center in March are briefly noted here:

The Friends of the Elderly monthly dance on Friday, March 12th at 7:00 PM.

A Breakfast Benefit on Sunday, March 14th from 7:30 to 11:00 AM - tickets are available at the door at \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under; and toddlers free;

The Silver Tones monthly dance on Friday, March 19th from 7-10 PM.

A St. Pat's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by Dick Marshall on Saturday, March 20th from 5-7 PM. Tickets must be purchased prior to the dinner. The ticket price is \$12 per person and \$6 per child;

A DJ Mansfield dance on March 22nd - tickets must be purchased by March 17th;

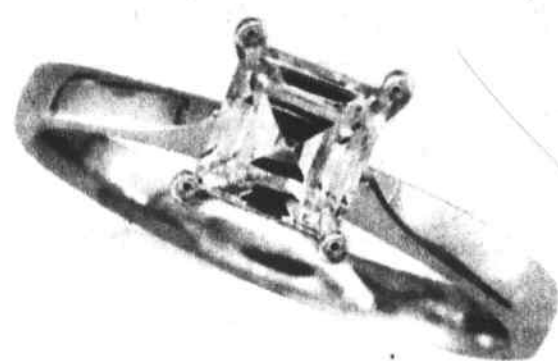
A Country Western Dance with music provided by Recording Artist Jimmy Allen and his band on Friday, March 26th from 7-11 PM. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

One may still apply for Fuel Assistance with Community Teamwork, Inc. To arrange an appointment and find out what paper work is needed, one should contact Linda Brabant at 978-640-4480.

The Senior Center AARP Tax Assistants are now helping Seniors with tax returns. This service is free. Appointments are now being scheduled. If interested, please call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480 to have your name and telephone number placed on the Tax Assistance list. The staff will then call you to arrange an appointment.

SHINE Counselor, Jill, is at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and is seen by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, one may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480. The SHINE Counselor is available to advise Senior Citizens on medical insurance options.

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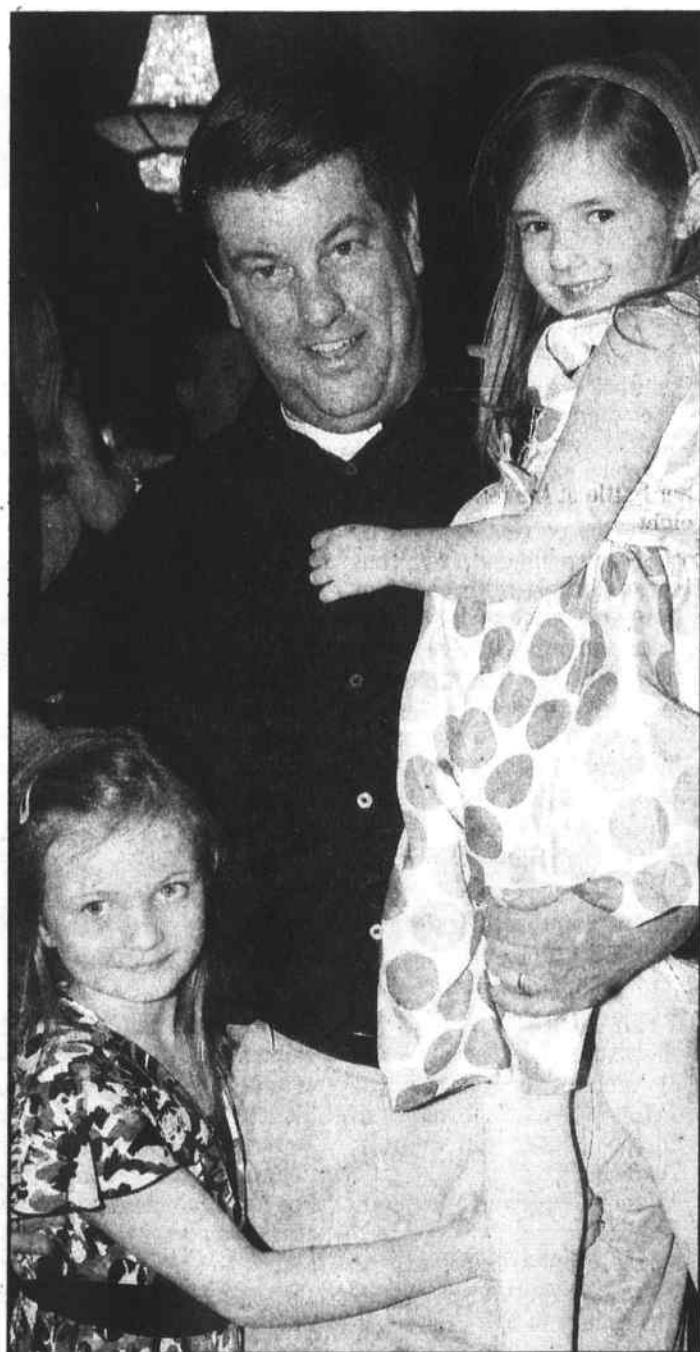
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Bob Boudreau danced to "Butterfly Kisses" with daughters Megan and Rebecca at the Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance at the Tewksbury Country Club on Sunday.

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www.shootingstarspix.com)

Zumba exercise classes with Wilmington Recreation!

WILMINGTON - Get in shape for spring with this new exercise craze! Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic workout. The routines feature interval training sessions of fast and slow rhythms, and resistance training to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat and calories. Zumba "Lite" will use the same moves, just

at a little slower pace! Classes will be held Tuesdays, February 23 - March 30 from 6 - 7 p.m. (Lite) and 7 - 8 p.m. (standard Zumba) in the Woburn St. School Gym. Cost for this six-week program is \$55.

To register, stop by the Recreation Department in Town Hall or call (978) 658-4270 for more information.

Seniors of TMHS:

Annual Spring Art Show

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Community of Artists invites Tewksbury Memorial High School seniors to participate in the Annual Spring Art Show for the opportunity to win one of three scholarships of \$200, \$100, and \$50. Submission is limited to two

art pieces per student. This year's Annual Spring Art Show will take place on April 10 at the Tewksbury Public Library from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Applications are now available at the Main Office in Tewksbury Memorial High School.

OBITUARY

Joyce A. Corcoran

Member Tewksbury/Wilmington Emblem Club

TWKSBUURY: Joyce A. (Reed) Corcoran, age 76, a resident of Tewksbury for 59 years, passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

She was the wife of William Corcoran, who passed away on September 14, 1998.

Born in Andover on May 7, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mildred (Abbott) Reed.

Mrs. Corcoran was raised in Andover and graduated from the former Punchard High School in 1951.

Following her marriage on July 8, 1951, she moved to Tewksbury, where she and her late husband raised their family.

Mrs. Corcoran was a member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club and the Tewksbury Golden Age Club and Senior-Drop-In-Center.

She enjoyed knitting, sewing, completing word search puzzles and doting on her six grandchildren.

Mrs. Corcoran is survived by four daughters, Patricia A. Gustafson and her husband Richard of Wilmington, Maureen A. Willey and her husband Robert of Salisbury, Linda A. Carter and her husband Robert of Tewksbury and Margaret A. Michaud and her husband Joseph of Center Barnstead, NH; six grandchildren, William Carter of Boston, Sarah Carter of Seabrook, NH, Matthew Carter of Tewksbury, Erik Gustafson of



Great Falls, MT, Lisa M. Gustafson of Wilmington and Jamie Ray of Center Barnstead, NH; one great granddaughter, Alexis Southern; five sisters, Mildred Waldie and her husband Charles of Andover, Bertha O'Brien and her husband John of Las Vegas, NV, Cora Rogers and her husband Jim of CT, Judith Estes and her husband Carl of FL and Beverly Ricci and her husband Nicholas of Methuen; also many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held, Friday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m., at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury, followed by interment at Tewksbury Cemetery. At the request of the family there are NO Calling Hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. www.farmeranddee.com

New Melkonian North Reading Subaru flourishing despite economy

By Maureen G. Doherty

Seemingly defying the odds of the economic downturn, which has hit the automobile industry particularly hard, Subaru is gaining market share across New England. And the new Melkonian North Reading Subaru dealership at 260 Main St. on Route 28 is flourishing as part of that expanding market.

North Reading Subaru General Manager Dave Vernet is thrilled with the reception the new business has received since opening in mid-December.

The dealership sold 50 cars within its first three weeks of operation, he said.

"It's going very well. We're very happy," Vernet said, adding, "Subaru is ecstatic!"

Vernet explained, "The biggest thing is Subaru is the only car company that's selling more cars. All the manufacturers are down in the last three years (but) Subaru has been up every month and every year on sales, and gaining momentum and market share."

Specifically, Subaru in New England now owns nine percent of the market share of the cars sold, he said, at a time when their competitors are losing market share.

"Years ago Subaru only had three percent of the market in New England and now they're at nine percent. That's huge. Why is the car doing that? Well, it's pretty simple. It's the overall product," he believes.

"And Subaru of New England just passed its all-time record of over 30,000 new cars sold in 2009," Vernet added.

The fact that symmetrical all-wheel drive comes standard on every Subaru model is key to the brand's success in the region, Vernet said. "It's the perfect New England car" due to the ever-changing weather conditions, he believes.

"The overall quality of the car is just fantastic. The ride, the comfort and reliability, along with gas mileage and a fantastic warranty - that's why the car is on such an upswing," he said.

North Reading Subaru is currently carrying over 150 new 2010 models as well as used cars in stock. To ensure that they can maintain a large inventory of vehicles, the dealership has a storage lot on Concord Street in North Reading.

Located at the site of the former Honda Barn on Route 28, the Melkonian family razed the familiar red structure and built a modern showroom accentuated by a two-story glass store front while also maintaining its service center on the same footprint. Relocating the parts depart-

ment to the far end of the site has enabled them to significantly expand the showroom as well as add a separate glass delivery bay where their customers are sent off in style in their new vehicles.

in this family business, which Vernet believes translates into loyalty and commitment to their customers.

North Reading Subaru currently has 22 employees in sales and service, including

Toyota Camry and Honda Accord class of vehicles. Vernet said the new Legacy is selling very well. "We're happy because we're selling a lot of those, especially the upper-scale models and the limited models," he said.

Other models in the fleet are the Impreza and Tribeca.

The subcompact Impreza comes in a sedan and a hatchback wagon as well as two sportscar models called Impreza WRX and Impreza STI. The Impreza STI has a 305 horsepower engine, he said.

"Imprezas are geared for the younger car-buyer," Vernet said, especially the hotrod roadsters equipped with a fin on the back and a big scoop on the hood.

The Tribeca is an upscale version of the Outback in six cylinders with a 256 horsepower engine. Subaru is also developing hybrid models of its vehicles which

it hopes to unveil in the next couple of years, he said.

The Forester, Impreza, Legacy and Tribeca all earned the 2009 Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, while the Outback, Tribeca and Legacy each earned a 5-star government crash test rating in 2009 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In addition, the Outback was voted Best New Car for Winter Driving in 2009 by Forbes.com; the Impreza was dubbed one of the Top 10 Coolest New Cars under \$18,000 by Kelly's Blue Book in 2009; the Impreza WRX was voted one of the Top 20 greatest cars of the past 20 years by Automobile Magazine in 2008; and the Forester earned the Drivers' Choice Award for Best Small Utility by MotorWeek 2009.

Showroom hours at North Reading Subaru are Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The service center hours are Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact them at (978) 396-6090 or visit them on the web at www.NorthReadingSubaru.com.



AT YOUR SERVICE. Melkonian's North Reading Subaru, 260 Main St. (Route 28) includes a sales crew of (from left): salesman Dan Mogauro, salesman Adam King, Sales Manager Mike Quevillon, salesman Lucas Casella, General Manager Dave Vernet, salesman Rhett Sanders and Business Manager Steve Bova.

Photo by Maureen Doherty

Join the next session of "Kids in Motion"

WILMINGTON - Children will love their "first gym class"! This five-week program for children ages 2 - 4 will be held in the North Intermediate School Cafeteria on Saturdays, February 27 - March 27 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Weekly one-hour classes will incorporate rhythm and movement using

a variety of props and music to get children moving and playing. Parents remain on site, and participation is welcome! Cost is \$45.

Pre-registration is required. To register for this or other Recreation Department programs stop by Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658-4270.

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Tewksbury Senior Center held a Valentine's Day Dance honoring couples who have been married for 50 years or more. Barbara and Freddie Baldwin have been married 66 years, longer than any couple in attendance Friday evening.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Wilmington Recreation presents...

Ballroom & Latin Dance Lessons

WILMINGTON - Are you a fan of "Dancing with the Stars"? Consider enrolling in Wilmington Recreation's BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE LESSONS. This eight-week program will be held on Fridays from March 5 - April 30, 2010, 7 - 8 p.m. in the Wilmington Town Hall Auditorium. There will be no class on April 2.

This program for those ages 16 & up will include basic ballroom dance steps including the waltz, swing and fox trot. The series will end with an introduction to basic Latin dance steps. Cost is \$45 per person. Get ready for the

prom, upcoming weddings or to just...dance like the stars! Remember, everyone has to start somewhere!

Pre-registration is required. To register for this or other

Recreation Department programs, stop by the Recreation Department, Wilmington Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658-4270.

Rehearsals starting for Tewksbury Interfaith Choir

Tewksbury Interfaith Choir is starting its rehearsals for the annual Spring Concert, beginning Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals are held at the Tewksbury Congregational Church in the center of Tewksbury. All voices are wel-

come, no audition necessary. They would especially like to see anyone who has sung with them since 1979. Come back and renew old acquaintances or make new ones. For more information call Arlene Wright at 978-851-2809

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Monday: Chicken patty or spicy chicken patty on a roll, sweet corn, apple slices
Tuesday: Cheese or ham and cheese croissant, curly fries, peaches

Wednesday: Ultimate nachos with seasoned meat, cheese sauce, lettuce, tomato, salsa, brown rice, pears

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, garlic noodles, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cranberry sauce

Friday: Sal's pizza, Caesar salad with homemade croutons, mixed fruit

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Monday: Chicken patty or spicy chicken patty on a roll, sweet corn, apple slices
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Friday: Whole grain stuffed crust pizza, celery stick w/ low fat dip, fresh fruit

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Thursday: Teriyaki chicken nuggets, brown rice, stir fry fresh vegetables, pineapple, cookie

Save the date!

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - On October 27, 2009, James, Gianna, Angelina and Carissa Carciro's lives changed forever. They lost their Dad under tragic circumstances that nobody can explain.

Please join friends and family on Friday, March 19th at the Tewksbury Country Club to help support the Carciro Children's Fund. A donation will also be made on behalf of the children to help further the education and research for bipolar disorder.

The event, which will run from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., will include food, raffles, door prizes, a silent auction, and entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 by contacting Tina Chirichiello at 978-604-6176, or emailing carcirochildrensfund@verizon.net.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Carciro Children's Fund c/o Tina Chirichiello, 22 Linda Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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Tewksbury Police Log

The Tewksbury Police log for the dates February 8 through February 14 will appear in next weeks' edition of the Town Crier.



Wilmington Police Log

Burbank YMCA Spring Session registration

READING - Think spring and sign up for some great classes at the Burbank YMCA that will help your winter blues disappear. Registration for the Burbank YMCA Spring I 2010 session is currently open for members, and non-member registration will begin on Monday, February 22.

This spring the Burbank YMCA will continue to offer a variety of new programs for all ages. Scrapbooking for Kids will be offered for children ages 6 to 10 years old and Exploring the Solar System will also run this spring for children ages 7 to 10 years old. Families can also get active and have some fun with Family Zumba. This class will get your family moving and grooving with a fun Latin dance workout.

For adults great programs will be offered to help you stay on track with those New Year's resolutions. Ultimate Bootcamp, Fit Moms, and Y Pump for Men are just a few classes that will rejuvenate your workout routine and help you achieve your health and wellness goals.

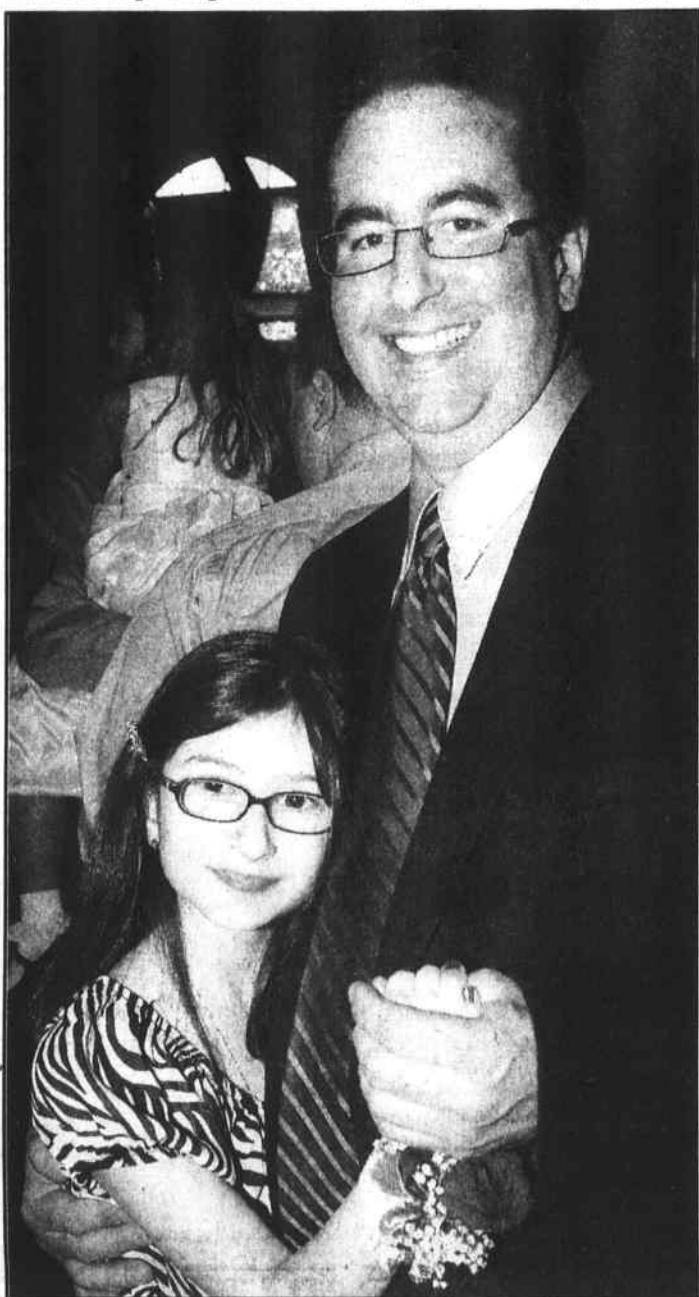
Triathlon season is also just around the corner so this is the perfect time for seasoned triathletes and first timers to start training. Swim Like A Swimmer will help you learn how to train for a triathlon in a group setting or one-on-one with an experienced coach. Performance Cycling is power-based workout specific to the needs of a cyclist and triathlete that will include performance-based feedback on power, cadence, and heart rate. The Burbank YMCA Triathlon Simulation Series will also be offered to help new and experienced triathletes get in shape for the upcoming season. The next TRI-OUT will be a duathlon held at the Burbank YMCA on Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.

The Spring I 2010 Session runs from Sunday, February

28 to Saturday, April 18. For more information about the programs the Burbank YMCA is offering in the Spring I 2010 Session or if you would like to receive the Spring I brochure, please call 781-944-9622 or visit www.ymcaboston.org/burbank and download a brochure.

The Burbank YMCA is dedicated to improving the health

of mind, spirit and body of individuals and families in Reading, North Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, and Stoneham. The Burbank YMCA welcomes men and women, boys and girls of all incomes, faiths and cultures. The Burbank YMCA is the place to come this spring for fun and exciting programs. A family will never be turned away due to inability to pay.



Erika Paone, age 9, danced to "Butterfly Kisses" with her father Victor on Sunday. The dance was the 9th annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance held at the Tewksbury Country Club, sponsored by Tewksbury Recreation Department.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Monday, February 8

12:51 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on McDonald Road. Thomas Deechan, 23, of 6 McDonald Road in Wilmington, was arrested at the scene and was charged with assault and battery.

Kathleen LaMontagne, 52, of 14 Mackey Road in Wilmington, was arrested on Mackey Road and was charged with making annoying phone calls and intimidating a witness.

Tuesday, February 9

8:29 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the junction of Route 62 and Interstate 93.

11:23 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Jere Road.

1:48 p.m. The tires of a vehicle parked at a residence on Canal Street were slashed maliciously over the previous weekend.

2:34 p.m. The doors of a pick-up truck parked at a business on Lowell Street were stolen.

Joseph Giordano, 23, of 167 Main Street in Wilmington,

was arrested on Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Wednesday, February 10

9:40 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Butters Row.

Thursday, February 11

8:48 a.m. A person was reportedly assaulted in a motor vehicle while on Carter Lane.

11:43 a.m. A residence on Butters Row was damaged maliciously overnight.

Eric Molignaro, 31, of 93 Temple Street in Somerville, was arrested at the Public Safety Building on the basis of a warrant.

Friday, February 12

9:08 a.m. Several residential mailboxes on Woburn Street were damaged maliciously.

9:32 a.m. A window of a residence on Salem Street was broken by a BB shot from a pellet gun.

1:26 p.m. An assault reportedly occurred at Wilmington High School, located on Church Street.

2:48 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Pilling Road.

3:53 p.m. A motor vehicle-

related accident occurred on Lowell Street.

8:43 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Chestnut Street.

11:25 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 7 Concord Street. A 16-year old juvenile was arrested at the scene and was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Arlene Marshall, 56, of 2 Brentwood Avenue in Wilmington, was arrested at her home on the basis of a warrant.

Saturday, February 13

1:21 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Belmont Avenue.

2:16 p.m. Market Basket, located at 240 Main Street, reported a shoplifting and provided a description of the suspect's vehicle.

8:02 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Glen Road.

Sunday, February 14

1:12 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance occurring on Colonial Drive.

Clean Energy Choice grant

TEWKSBURY - The Town of Tewksbury was recently awarded \$6,025 from the Massachusetts Technological Collaborative for a Clean Energy Choice grant. The grant was submitted by the Tewksbury Green Committee.

The most exciting component of the grant will be a model solar lighting project of a public monument in Tewksbury. The Town will see a reduction in electric costs for this monument. This model project will heighten the public's awareness concerning the benefits and advantages of renewable energy. It is expected that the project will be completed within the next three months.

The Green Committee will use some of the funds for outreach to residents as well as educational materials for school-aged children. The Committee will work with the School Department to deter-

mine the appropriate age and material to demonstrate the benefits of renewable energy.

Finally, the funds will be used to join ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, an international membership association of local governments dedicated to achieving sustainable development. One of the benefits of this membership will be to allow the Green Committee to access energy monitoring software as the Committee begins to monitor energy consumption of municipal buildings. This monitoring of consumption will meet key criteria of becoming a Commonwealth Green Community, opening additional grant opportunities.

This grant is part of an ongoing initiative by the Tewksbury Green Committee to explore energy conservation and renewable/ alterna-

tive energy generation strategies for the Town, its residents and commercial base. The Committee will assess the Town's baseline energy consumption, develop achievable targets for energy conservation, explore zoning changes to allow for renewable/ alternative energy generation across all types of land use, consider environmentally sustainable building and site standards for all classes of buildings, serve as a local advisor for federal and state energy related grant programs and develop a community outreach program.

The Committee has been in existence since June 2009 and has received a \$10,000 planning grant to become a Green Community, as well submitting an \$85,000 grant for solar panels at the Town Hall Annex.

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Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Reynolds, Boland are January's Senior Winners

BILLERICA - William Reynolds and Samantha Boland were named Seniors of the Month at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School in January.

Reynolds, a Wilmington resident, is the son of William and Kelly Reynolds.

He is ranked within the top 20 of the class academically and maintains a 3.8 grade-point average.

Reynolds is one of the school's top plumbing students and hopes to own and operate his own plumbing business after graduating from college.

An honor-roll student who has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years, Reynolds has participated in Skills USA for plumbing. He also earned Citizenship Awards for plumbing as a freshman and a junior.

Sports and volunteering are important to Reynolds.

He has given his time to Pop Warner football as a coach and has also volunteered with



William Reynolds

Local Heroes, a Wilmington-based non-profit organization working to support local servicemen and servicewomen and their families. Unless otherwise directed by the donor, 100 percent of all donations received by Local Heroes go directly to these servicemen and servicewomen.

Boland, a Billerica resident, is the daughter of Cherylann and Colin Boland.

While Boland is one of Shawsheen's top students in the electrical department, her interests are wide-ranging.

School Committee candidate

Meet and Greet scheduled

TEWKSBURY - The Committee to Elect Lisa Puccia for Tewksbury School Committee will be holding a candidate "Meet and Greet" on Thursday, February 25, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., at the Tewksbury Country Club (Andrea's Tavern), 1880 Main Street, Tewksbury.

Lisa has an understanding of the Tewksbury Public

School System and has consistently been a strong advocate, not only for her own children, but also for the children in this community. Come meet Lisa to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas with her about the current and future matters concerning the Tewksbury Public Schools.

Rep. Miceli helps pass Unemployment Insurance Rate Freeze Legislation

BOSTON - State Representative James R. Miceli (D-Wilmington) has voted in favor of the Unemployment Insurance Rate Freeze Legislation, saving local businesses millions of dollars while providing them the opportunities to retain and rehire employees.

Miceli notes, "Even though we are in the midst of a terrible economic crisis with unemployment at astronomical rates, it is of high importance to lessen the burden on small businesses so they can

hire more employees and increase production. Creating jobs is vital to climbing out of this economic crisis."

In 2009, the average employer contribution into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund was \$584 per employee. Without legislative action, the assessment would have jumped to \$852. By voting for this bill, Representative Miceli has prevented further job loss and saved a heavy burden on small businesses.

Townsend named to Dean's list at Hartwick College

ONEONTA, NY - Hartwick college first-year student Ryan Townsend of Wilmington, son of Carl and Cornelia Townsend, has been named to the fall term Dean's List at Hartwick.

Inclusion on Hartwick's dean's List is an indication of excellent academic work, including the completion of a full course load with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Townsend is majoring in Art. He is a graduate of Wilmington High School.

Hartwick College is a private liberal arts and sciences college of 1,480 students, located in Oneonta, NY in the

northern foothills of the Catskill Mountains. Hartwick's expansive curriculum emphasizes a uniquely experiential approach to the liberal arts, through personalized teaching, collaborative research, a unique January Term, a wide range of internships, and a vast study-abroad opportunities. Hartwick ensures that students are prepared for the world ahead. A three year Bachelor's Degree program and strong financial aid and scholarship offerings keep a Hartwick education affordable.

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Wilmington Recreation Volleyball Clinic

WILMINGTON - A volleyball clinic for beginner or experienced players is about to begin. Classes for students in grades 6 - 8 will be held Thursdays, March 4 - April 8, 2010 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Woburn Street Gym. Classes in this six-week program will consist of 45 minutes of instruction followed by 45

minutes of team play. What a great opportunity to learn a lifelong sport while combining exercise and fun! Cost is \$35 per person.

Pre-registration is required. To register for this or other Recreation Department programs stop by Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658-4270.



Vicky McDermott looked at the children's Valentine Cards from the 1930's and 40's which are on exhibit at the Harnden Tavern through the end of this month.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Youth collect loose change for Souper Bowl

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Congregational Church, United Church of Christ (UCC), celebrated Superbowl Sunday with a youth led mission project appropriately named The Souper Bowl.

After services on Sunday, Tewksbury Congregational Church's youth in grades six through eight were present wearing signs and carrying their own hand painted soup bowls in an effort to collect spare change. "After narrowing worthwhile charities down to a handful, the Junior Youth Group kids voted to send the money collected to New Missions, an organization that has strong roots in Haiti," commented JoJo Scharmer, the Junior Youth Group leader. While hoping for a mere \$50 dollars, loose change contributions accumulated to over two hundred dollars.

The Souper Bowl is not unique to Tewksbury Congregational Church, although it is the first year that the junior high school social group has participated in this nationally based, youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world. The overarching rationale is that by equipping young people with

knowledge about hunger and poverty, they are guided towards a lifetime of service.

For the junior and high school youth, Tewksbury Congregational Church has a vibrant and active Contemporary Youth Worship which is held Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and has a large following. This group, with approximately fifty enrolled youth, plays active games and participates in activities that reinforce the weekly concept. To enhance this Sunday morning program, kids can participate in a Sunday evening social group (Junior Youth Group) that has fun, but also participates in various learning activities throughout the year.

For more information regarding the youth education programming at Tewksbury Congregational Church, located at 10 East Street Tewksbury, MA (across from the Town Common), please visit their website at www.tewksburycc.org.

About the Tewksbury Congregational Church
Tewksbury Congregational Church, a member of one of the largest Protestant denominations in New England, is located across from the Town

Civil Service Examination 2010 information

BOSTON - Rep. Charles Murphy (D-Burlington) announced today that the Entry-Level Civil Service Examination for Municipal Firefighters will be held this year on April 24, 2010. Applications for the exam must be filed or postmarked no later than March 16, 2010. Application forms and information about eligibility

requirements, application fees, and the examination process are available at the Human Resources Division, One Ashburton place, Room 301, Boston, MA 02108, or online at www.mass.gov/civilservice. Applicants may also receive information by phone through the Examination Hot Line at 617-878-9895, or toll-free at 800-392-6178.

Wilmington Senior Lunches

February 22-26

Monday: Baked sliced ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, green beans, lite rye bread, snack loaf

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, whipped potato, corn, whole wheat bread, apricots

Wednesday: Open faced turkey sandwich on oatmeal bread, roasted red bliss potatoes, butternut squash, ice cream cup

Thursday: Teriyaki chicken, brown rice, fresh stir fry vegetables, brown rice, pineapple, cookie

Friday: Stuffed shells with tomato sauce, broccoli, french bread, strawberries



Jennie Muse and Olivia Raso demonstrate the joy of giving. Money was collected in their hand painted bowls at Tewksbury Congregational Church.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Teen Tech Bingo

Adult Programs

Please register on the Calendar of Events for the following programs at www.wilmlibrary.org or call 978-694-2099. These programs are funded by the Friends of the Library.

Understanding Iran

Monday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.
Paul Beran, Director of the Outreach Center at Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, will give an overview of Iran: government, religion, geography, and economy along with highlights into contemporary culture. Approaches to ideas for study will be provided. The presentation will include visuals.

Nashville Clippers

Thursda, Mar 18, 7:15 pm
The Nashville Clippers are a blend of folk, bluegrass, and the best of Americana country music. Their relaxed style, varied instrumentation, and beautiful harmonies on familiar and obscure songs show their obvious love for the music they play. They've performed at the Boston Folk Festival, the Joe Val Bluegrass Festival, coffee-house venues, and house concerts. The Friends of the Library will hold its annual meeting at 7 pm preceding this program.

Teen Zone

Register for programs online at www.wilmlibrary.org "Calendar of Events" or by visiting or calling (978) 694-2098.

Teen Tech Bingo: Learn Create Share

March 1-March 31
Think you've been to all corners of the Web? Have you tried everything the Internet has to offer, from animation to games to writing projects? Then it's time to prove it by playing our Teen Tech Bingo! View the card and rules at <http://www.wilmlibrary.org/teens/TeenTechWeek10.html>. Fill in at least one row or column to win a prize, and whoever fills in the most spaces wins the grand prize!

Teen Tech Week

(March 7-13, 2010)
is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries.

Teen Guitar Hero, or Dance Star?

Wed. March 10, 2:30 p
It's Teen Tech Week, so come show us what you've got! We'll have Rock Band, Dance Dance Revolution, and the Wii set up, so drop in with your friends to show off your best moves.

Beading for Beginners (Teens)

Friday, March 19, 3 pm

Registration begins March 4
Learn to make gift-quality simple necklaces and bracelets in this hands-on workshop! Talk about color, pattern, and the creative process, and go with your instincts to make jewelry to take home.

Children's Programs Story Time Registration

Story time is a great opportunity to introduce your young child to books, flannel board stories, songs, circle games and finger plays: Register your child for one of the following.

Baby Times

appropriate for the early walker with caregiver on Thursdays, March 11 and March 25 and April 8 at 10:30-11 am.

Time for Twos

caregivers and two year-olds attend on Thursdays, March 4 and March 18 and April 1 at 10:30-11 am.

Story Times for Three Year-Olds

children who are three attend on either Tuesdays (March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6) 9:30-10 am or Fridays (March 5, 12, 26, April 2, 9) 9:30-10 am.

Story Times for Four and Five Year-Olds

four year-olds and five year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) attend on either Tuesdays (March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6) 10:30-11 am or Fridays (March 5, 12, 26, April 2, 9) 10:30-11 am.

For more information on the above story time sessions, check the Children's Room page on the library's web site. Please note that there will be no Story Times on Friday, March 19 and when Wilmington Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

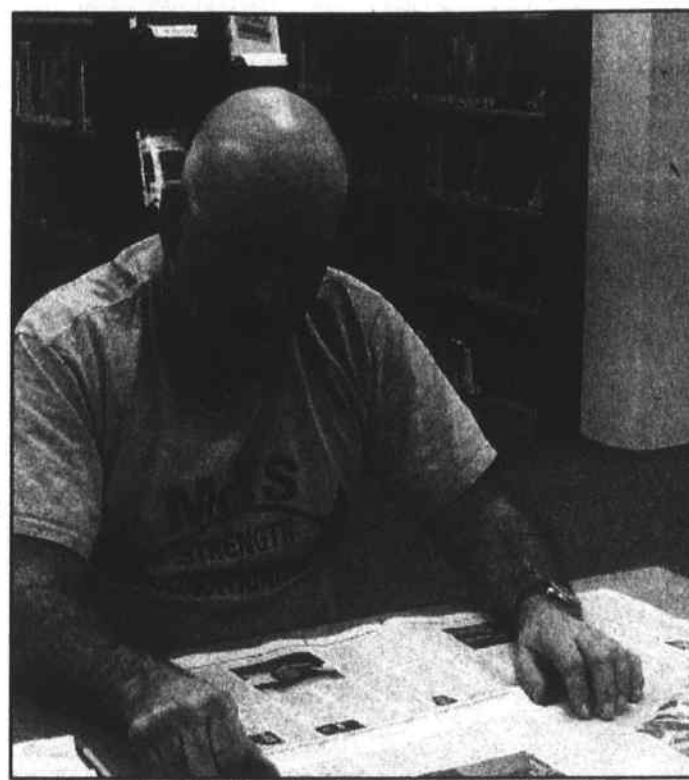
Book Discussion for Ages 7 & Older Virtual Cody by Betsy Duffey.

Friday, March 5, 3:30 pm
Third-grader Cody Michaels is pretty sure he was named after Buffalo Bill Cody, the legendary rider on the Pony Express. But with his mom getting a new job and his dad too busy to talk, Cody can't get a straight answer—that

is, until the day he discovers the answer on his own. Cody, or "Virtual Cody", as he signs his personal computer journal, soon goes from wanting to tell everyone about his supposed famous namesake to wanting to crawl under a rock because the truth is so embarrassing. But some of Cody's classmates are in the

by Alan A. Landry (retired mechanic for U. S. Postal Service).

I have been coming to the Wilmington Memorial Library since April 2006 (after my heart attack). Since then, the library has been a terrific source of information and all of the



Al Landry enjoys the Wilmington Memorial Library on a daily basis. Here he's checking the daily paper.

Courtesy photo

same situation, and finally the predicament becomes something everyone can laugh at—even Cody. Drop in for this discussion of Virtual Cody by Betsy Duffey. Copies of the book may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. A door prize and snack will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Library News

Library Story

Anyone wanting to submit a library story highlighting how the Wilmington Memorial Library has helped them in any way or why they enjoy visiting the library should email the story to Library Director Tina Stewart at tstewart@mvic.org. They can also mail it (175 Middlesex Avenue) or drop it off at the library. Please note that to validate the testimonial, which will be used in promotional material online and/or in print, we require that stories include your name. The following story was submitted

Book Club Kits

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Town of Tewksbury

Economic Development Committee

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Economic Development Committee would like to extend an invitation to business and development professionals of the community to a Business Networking Breakfast to welcome and introduce Tewksbury's new Town Manager, Richard Montuori. The event will be held at the Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street from 7:30

a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 24, 2010. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Tewksbury Memorial High School DECA students will be assisting the EDC with this event.

The Economic Development Committee looks forward to serving as a liaison between business and government as options for the future of

Tewksbury are considered. The EDC's efforts continue to be mindful of the community's goals in attracting sustainable new growth to the Town.

For more information or to R.S.V.P., please contact: Steven J. Sadwick, AICP, Tewksbury Director of Community Development, 978-640-4370, ssadwick@tewbury.ma.gov.

Meas announces candidacy for 5th Congressional seat

HAVERHILL - Sam Meas of Haverhill, Mass is a candidate for the 5th Congressional seat this November. Meas was born in Cambodia, Kandal Province, sometime between 1970 and 1972. As a result of the civil war and the genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge that drove Cambodia back into the Stone Age, all institutions and birth and death records were destroyed. The United States Immigration and Naturalization record lists December 31, 1972, as his official date of birth, but Sam could actually be two years younger or older.

Sam lived in the group home for a little over year before he was adopted by Susan E. Morey, a single parent and teacher, in 1992.

All during his difficult transition period, Sam pursued his education. After two years at the Albert H. Hill

Middle School, he skipped the eighth grade, and in the fall of 1992 he enrolled as a high school freshman in Trinity Episcopal High School, an excellent private school in Richmond, Virginia. The many scholarships he received enabled him to complete his high-school education there.

Upon graduation from Trinity Episcopal High, Sam was accepted to Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Virginia Tech). He graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Finance in 1996 and moved to Boston, Massachusetts.

For nearly two years now, Sam has been a Principal with State Street Global Advisors, a division of State Street Corporation, where he oversees a team of Performance Measurement Analysts providing perfor-

mance and attribution data to Active Quantitative (Developed and Emerging Markets Strategies) Portfolio Managers.

Sam married his long-time girl friend and partner, Leah Saroem Suan-Meas, in June 2001. Sam and Leah are proud parents of two beautiful, intelligent, vibrant, and energetic girls, Monique and Sydney.

Since June 2001 Sam has volunteered his time as a member of the Board of Directors of North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA), based in Chelsea, MA. NSMHA is a private, non-profit agency, with an annual budget of about \$30M, providing community-based services to children, adults, and families dealing with problems of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse. He is presently serving as the Vice



Sam Meas

Chairman of the Board and has also served as Chairman of Finance, Personnel, By-Law, Compliance, and Audit Committees.

To learn more about Sam Meas and his campaign for the 5th Congressional seat, please visit: www.sammeas-forcongress.com.

2nd Annual Easter fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure

WILMINGTON - On Saturday March 27th from 1-3pm at the Wilmington United Methodist Church (87 Church St., Wilmington), Deanna Wright will be hosting her second annual Easter Fundraiser. All donations go towards the Susan G. Komen for the Cure 2010 Boston Breast Cancer 3-Day. Activities include egg decorating crafts, an Easter Egg hunt, a raffle with lots of great items to win, as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny! The cost is \$15 per participating child. No kids, no problem...just stop by to win some raffles!

If you will be attending please RSVP to deanna3day@gmail.com so that Deanna can be certain to have enough supplies for the kids!!! Walk-ins are also welcome.

This July, Deanna will be taking part in her fourth 3-Day walk. This is a three-day, 60-mile walk that benefits the Breast Cancer 3-Day (Komen for the Cure). Thanks to events like the 3-Day, the organization has invested nearly \$1.5 billion towards Breast Cancer research, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against Breast Cancer in the world. Deanna's amazing team, The Pink Angels, have themselves raised over one million dollars!! Every step brings us closer to a cure!

● An estimated 192,370 U.S. women will have been diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009. This makes breast cancer the most commonly diagnosed cancer (other than skin cancer) in U.S. women.

● The median age at breast cancer diagnosis in the

United States was 61 years. This means that half the women diagnosed with breast cancer are under the age of 61.

● An estimated 2.5 million women living in the United States have a history of breast cancer.

Chances are that you or someone you know has been affected by breast cancer - let's make them the last.

Everyone deserves a lifetime! If you are interested in learning more about the Breast Cancer 3-Day, there will be an informational "Get Started" meeting on Wednesday, April 28, at the Wilmington Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m.

Please visit Deanna's official website at www.the3day.org/goto/deanna.wright.



Don't miss your chance to meet the Easter Bunny at this year's Easter Fundraiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen For the Cure. Last year, Madison Wright and Cheyanne DeMattia spent some quality time with the Easter Bunny.

Erin Brogan graduated from Ithaca College

ITHACA, NY - Erin Brogan, Daughter of Joseph and Ruth Brogan of Wilmington, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance. The degree was awarded in December 2009.

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Local students named to Dean's List at the University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, VT - The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at the University of Vermont:

Shauna Bailey, of Tewksbury, a senior English major in the College of Arts & Sciences

Timothy Cohen, of Tewksbury, a first-year student Computer Science major in the College of Arts & Sciences

Michelle Mendieta, of

Tewksbury, a junior Environmental Studies major in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Jonathan Maynard, of Wilmington, a senior Psychology major in the College of Arts & Sciences

To be named to the dean's lists, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Chartered in 1791, UVM was

the first college or university in the United States that did not give preference to a religious sect in its charter. UVM now has nearly 9,900 undergraduates in eight schools and colleges, 1,400 graduate students and 450 medical students. As a small, comprehensive university, it blends the academic heritage of a private university with the service mission of the land-grant tradition.



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Local Residents named to Dean's List at Northeastern

BOSTON - Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local Northeastern University students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in December 2009.

* Tewksbury resident Samantha Marchand, who is majoring in Business Administration

* Tewksbury resident Michaela Poulin, who is majoring in Industrial Engineering

* Wilmington resident Jason Yeomelakis, who is majoring in Pharmacy

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.25 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, these individuals are honors students, part of a burgeoning program at Northeastern, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest on-campus housing, and participate in one or two honors courses each term. Invitation into the

honors program is highly competitive and students must maintain a certain GPA and strong commitment to campus leadership to remain a part. Currently, These students are among some 1,400 students involved in Northeastern's honors program.

Northeastern University is a world leader in cooperative education. After students' freshman year, Northeastern undergraduates alternate quarters of full-time study with quarters of paid work in fields relevant to their professional interests and major, giving them nearly two years of professional experience upon graduation. In addition,

more than 70 percent of Northeastern graduates receive a job offer from a former co-op employer. Northeastern offers full- and part-time programs in arts and sciences, business, computer science, criminal justice, engineering, teaching and counseling, nursing and pharmacy and allied health professions.

About Northeastern
Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university located in the heart of Boston. Northeastern is a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-

world experience. The university's distinctive cooperative education program, where students alternate semesters of full-time study with semesters of paid work in fields relevant to their professional interests and major, is one of the largest and most innovative in the world. The University offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees through the doctorate in six undergraduate colleges, eight graduate schools, and two part-time divisions. For more information, please visit www.northeastern.edu.



Girl Scout troop 60288, of Wilmington, sold close to 200 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies on Saturday February 13, 2010 outside Market Basket. The economy is looking up! Pictured from left to right, April Haines, Kaitlyne McKenna, Kiki Barnum, Gianna Brunetto, Miranda Johnson and Gianna's younger sister Antonia managing the 1-2 p.m. shift. Courtesy photo

Tewksbury Recreation Department events & programs

TEWKSBURY - Don't miss these terrific programs put on by the Tewksbury Recreation Department.

St. Patrick's Day - Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at the Recreation Center

Paint, glue, color, glitter, and get ready for fun! While bopping and singing along to music, each session you and your child will make a craft related to the holiday. Be creative and get into the holiday spirit all at once.

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Get your Fairy Godmother on the phone and sign right up! You'll be dolled up in princess costumes and treated like royalty. Make all your Cinderella dreams come true. Includes games, stories, music, a craft, refreshments, and a souvenir photo.

Limited spots available don't wait!
Must register at the Recreation Department by Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

Snowman Contest

Fun family activity! Turn off the video games, get dad off the couch, and put on your creative caps! Build your own unique snowman and call to have a picture taken by the professionals! The Town Crier will come to your home and take some pictures. The pictures may be featured in the paper and then automatically sent to the Recreation Department to be entered in the contest. The deadline for snowman pictures will be Monday, March 22, 2010. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be printed in the newspaper. So grab your mittens, zip up your coats, and get outside for some winter excitement! Once your snowman is ready to smile and strike a pose, call in the photographers at 978-640-4460 and let the contest begin.

Opportunity Fair - Coming Soon

The Tewksbury Recreation Department is proud to continue its annual Children's Opportunity Fair. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, from 6:30-8pm at the Tewksbury Memorial High School. The Fair features organizations that provide cultural, academic, athletic, and enrichment activities for school age children. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to obtain information and ask questions about the various programs. In addition to extensive local information, demonstrations from the likes of dance schools, karate academies, and gymnasts will also be featured in the auditorium. Although this event is a few

months away, we like to give plenty of time for planning. Mark your calendars early, because this is an event that parents and children will not want to miss.

We are also looking for vendors and any organizations that would like to participate by renting a table. We will begin to accept registration forms on February 1, 2010. For more information, please call 978-640-4460.

Nashoba Valley Discount Passes

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www.tewksbury-ma.gov
This is a new site for the New Year! We are currently rebuilding the site and it is coming along nicely. Please check it out and don't be shy... get involved. Take a look at the Recreation Calendar and watch our Upcoming Events and Programs Section. We love feedback and suggestions, just click on our email addresses and give us a shout out!

Join Wilmington Recreation for Adult Co-ed Volleyball

WILMINGTON - You asked for it! Join us for this new volleyball program, Thursdays, March 4 - April 8, 2010 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Woburn Street Gym. Each session of this six-week program will consist of 30 minutes of instruction followed by one hour of team play. What a great opportunity to refine

your game and get a great workout - all while having fun! Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. Cost is \$40 per person.

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Amanda LaFauci read "The Book of World Records 2010" and Jackie Champoux read "Super Fudge" at the Wilmington Library's all you can read buffet on Tuesday.
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Three-way race for BOS

FROM PAGE 1

believe that Wilmington's success is a testament to professional management, conservative budgeting, and common sense government."

Despite the national and statewide economic difficulties, he sees the town as being poised to move forward in many respects.

"I firmly believe that in a town like Wilmington, where Town Meeting ultimately decides how to allocate our town's resources, the role of the Board of Selectmen is to position the Town for the residents to make choices. Over the past three years, with the support of thousands of volunteers and the fine work of our municipal employees, the Board has succeeded in this regard. Our focus on promoting sensible economic growth, and our cultivation of a diverse commercial tax base, has enabled Wilmington to enjoy a uniquely stable economy. We are well positioned to entertain both short and long term capital improvement projects."

The town was forced to abandon five of its nine wells due to contamination from the Olin Chemical property back in 2003, crippling the town's ability to meet demand for drinking water. Two years later, the Olin property was named to the EPA's National Priorities List as a Superfund Site.

"We can't re-write history," said Newhouse. "All we can do is play the hand that we've been dealt. With respect to the environmental challenges arising from the Olin site, I think the Town has made the right decisions. With EPA oversight of the investigative and remedial efforts, diligent

review by the Town's own consultants, and a process that includes meaningful public participation, we eventually will get to where we need to be. The process will be long and cumbersome, but we will get there."

For several years, the town relied on a temporary connection to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) and purchased water from surrounding communities. Last year, a permanent connection to MWRA was completed, with Olin paying the costs.

"I am especially pleased that during the past few years, the Town has been able to ensure an adequate supply of safe, potable water by connecting to the MWRA water system. To think that we have been able to make this permanent, part-time connection at no cost to the rate payer is pretty impressive."

Newhouse believes the Board's current membership has been especially effective in doing the business of the town.

"More than anything else, I hear positive feedback about the manner in which the Board takes care of business. We do not always agree, but the disagreements have been professional, cordial and productive."

"If elected, my priorities will continue to be what they always have been: (1) To promote professionalism and civility in government; (2) To foster fiscal responsibility; and (3) To serve as an advocate for our children, by adequately funding education, and by meeting their recreational, athletic and programmatic needs."

The School Committee has

three seats open, but only two people have pulled nomination papers, leaving one seat on the seven-member board potentially unfilled unless someone steps forward to run.

Margaret "Peggy" Kane, currently Chair of the School Committee, has already pulled papers, returned them, and they are now certified by the Town Clerk, Sharon George.

Kathleen Carroll also pulled papers for School Committee, but has yet to return them.

School Committee seats are three-year terms.

The Shawsheen Regional Technical Vocational School Committee currently also has an uncontested election with has one 3-year seat open. Bob Peterson pulled papers for reelection but has not returned his papers yet.

The Housing Authority, which offers five-year terms, has two open seats. Incumbent Leona Bombard has pulled papers for a five-year seat. Stacie Murphy has also pulled papers, but for the two-year unexpired term filling the seat of Matthew Cox who left office last year. Murphy was appointed to the seat upon Cox's resignation, but will need to defend the seat in this year's election.

For residents who believe they can bring something to local government, nomination papers are still available and must be returned with 50 signatures of registered Wilmington voters to the Town Clerk by March 11 for certification to appear on the ballot. The annual town election is the last Saturday in April, the 24. The annual town meeting will occur on the first Saturday in May.

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Knights of Columbus, 50-year journey

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Villanova Hall, the group had grown to 46 men who would become the Charter members of Wilmington Council #4982, which was instituted on May 22, 1960.

These 46 men were instructed in the virtue of charity, which has been the foundation of the Knights of Columbus since its inception and continues to play a role in the activities of the members of the local council.

Father Croke offered Villanova Hall to the new Council as a place to hold its meetings and social activities. Through the efforts of

its members, the heating system was extended in the basement. A meeting room was constructed not only for the Knights, but for use by other groups in the parish. The parish youth group welcomed the opportunity to have a place where they could meet and socialize. Many of the current members can recall the many gatherings and friendships that were formed in their teenage years at Villanova Hall. Villanova Hall would serve as the Council's meeting place for six and a half years.

In 1965, Father Croke was instrumental in getting the

Archdiocese of Boston to sell approximately five acres of land behind St. Thomas Church to the Knights. This is where the Knights would build their permanent home.

Of the 46 Charter members, there are eight surviving who will be honored during the 50th Anniversary dinner. They are Robert DiGirolamo, Robert Scarano, Norman MacEachern and Robert Palmer, of Wilmington; Allan MacMullin, Jr. and Robert Peck of Billerica, and Francis Hoban of Middletown, New York.

Kathryn Fraser earns Honors at Champlain College

BURLINGTON, VT - Kathryn Fraser, a resident of Wilmington, has been named to the Fall 2009 Champlain College's Dean's List for academic achievements. Fraser is majoring in Radiography. Students named to the Dean's List are full-time students with a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or more. President's List honors are for a grade-point average of 4.0. Trustees Scholar students are students on the President's List for two consecutive semesters.

Fraser is the Daughter of Maria and Scott Fraser of Wilmington.

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Celebrity poker tournament scheduled for March 23, at Tewksbury country Club

By JAMIE POTE

TEWKSBURY - Back in December 2006, Focaccia's Restaurant in Wilmington hosted a charity Texas Holdem Tournament on behalf of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, which is a non-profit organization created in 2001 by actor/singer Mark Wahlberg for the purpose of raising and distributing funds to youth service and enrichment programs.

The event was a tremendous hit, with the majority of the proceeds going to the Foundation, through various events for children in the city of Boston. And because that first tournament drew such a big crowd of card players and people who wanted to help young children, the Wahlberg Family will be coming back to the area to host a second tournament.

On Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m., the Tewksbury Country Club will host the Celebrity Poker Tournament, to benefit the Foundation with the emphasis on "Send a Kid to Camp."

"The event was too big for us to host again, so we asked our friend Mark Ginsburg to host it at the Tewksbury Country Club and he was gracious enough to help us out," said Peter Depesa, the co-owner of Focaccia's Restaurant.

The Wahlberg Foundation began in 2001, and has raised over two million dollars for children through a number of charitable events, including Poker Tournaments.

"We had great success in these types of events in the past, but we knew it had to grow," said Jimmy Wahlberg, one of the foundation founders, and brother of actors Mark and Donnie Wahlberg. "Our goal is to have one (charity) event pay for the camp."

The Camp is owned by the Tatelman brothers of Jordan's Furniture, and for one week, the camp gets sold, at cost, to the Wahlberg Foundation and the name of it is changed to "Camp Northbound." About 150 children from the local

city then board buses and head for a four-hour drive up near Sebago in Maine for a week-long fun-filled event.

"Our message is simple," said Jimmy. "Our foundation is not just for the kids of Boston, it goes much further than that. The heroes are the women and men who show up and do their jobs for programs such as this, who day-in and day-out run and organize these camps. We're just trying to make their jobs easier. This is our turn to help, and then it'll be the (children's) turn to be responsible and help the next generation."

Mark Wahlberg is one of nine siblings, who grew up in the projects of Dorchester and broke into show business as singer Marky Mark during the early 1990's. He successfully parlayed his singing career into a modeling gig for Calvin Klein, and then into a critically acclaimed acting career. He's had starring roles in movies such as Boogie Nights, The Big Hit, Three Kings, The Perfect Storm, Planet of the Apes, Four Brothers, and The Departed, just to name a few.

Mark's brother Donnie, also an actor, is the experienced card player of the family. He hosts a private game for friends in his Los Angeles home every Sunday, and has also played in various tournaments with the likes of Gabe Kaplan and James Woods.

"I tend to do a lot of the promotion for Foundation events in this area, because I prefer to be in Boston whenever possible," said Donnie to the Crier back in 2006.

Donnie gained fame as a member of the teen singing group New Kids On The Block during the late 1980's. Like his younger brother Mark, he has also moved into an acting career with prominent roles in movies such as Ransom, Southie, Dreamcatcher, Saw II, and Saw III. He delivered a jaw-dropping performance as a patient of Bruce Willis' character during the opening sequence of The Sixth Sense. Ironically, though it may stand out as his most powerful per-



Focaccia's Restaurant packed them in back in 2006 for a Texas Holdem Tournament to benefit the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. The Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for inner city youth through service and enrichment programs. This time, the event moves to the spacious Tewksbury Country Club (l-r) Donnie Wahlberg, Robert DePesa (Focaccia owner), Jimmy Wahlberg, and Peter Depesa (Focaccia owner)

formance to date, Donnie is nearly unrecognizable in his Sixth Sense role having dropped an alarming 43 pounds for the part.

In addition to movies, Donnie has done a number of projects for television, including a major role in the multiple Emmy Award winning HBO mini-series "Band of Brothers."

Donnie said previously, that although he's the card player, it's Jimmy who does all of the work through the family's foundation.

"It may be my name or Mark's name that is used to promote an event, but it's my brother Jimmy who runs the Foundation and does all the work," said Donnie.

Donnie also said that Jimmy is the perfect example of an inner city youth heading in the wrong direction, until presented with the right opportunity.

"Jimmy used to hustle for a living, he used to hustle to survive," Donnie said. "Now he hustles for charity. Now he puts all of that entrepreneurial energy in the right direction and he's doing amazing things."

In the 2006 tournament at Focaccia's, 150 players participated, but the upcoming tournament has already doubled in size, sponsorships and in prizes.

"Our goal is to have 300 people sign up," said Jimmy. "The entry fee is \$250 dollars and once you give us that, you get a ticket. But with poker players, they don't like getting tickets. They show up the day of the tournament, give the money and say 'OK let's play. We're very excited about this upcoming tournament, and we think it's going to be great once again.'"

The first tournament was won by Peter McClellan of Wilmington. But this tournament could feature several professional players.

"We are sponsored by PokerStars, and we're not sure yet, but we heard that they may send out Daniel Negreanu," said Depesa.

The winner of this year's tournament could be playing along side Negreanu, Phil Ivey and Phil Hellmuth in this year's World Series of Poker tournament in Las Vegas.

"We're giving away a 10,000

dollar seat to the World Series of Poker for first place, and we also have a \$5,000 prize to Mohegan Sun, exotic car rentals, and we have a lot of other prizes from great sponsors," said Depesa.

Added Jimmy Wahlberg, "The prizes are great. I mean the top prize of going to the World Series of Poker and the second prize of going to Mohegan Sun have a combined value of \$17,000. The top ten finishers will all be very happy with their prizes. We have golf club giveaways, memberships to clubs and, like Peter said, exotic car rentals. The prizes will vary but there are some great prizes."

In less than a month, the members of the Wahlberg Family, as well the possibility of several professional poker players will join up with local players from Wilmington and Tewksbury, to play some Poker, and share some laughs all for a terrific cause.

"Last time we raised \$25,000 and this year our goal is to triple that," said Jimmy. "For every two players we get, one kid gets sent to camp."

Added Depesa: "The last time we sent 150 kids to camp and this time we're hoping to send at least 200 kids to camp from the local boys and girls clubs. This is a great event, and it's a great way to raise money for charity and help local children."

"The last time we did this we brought Hollywood to Wilmington and how often does that happen? This time we're bringing Hollywood to Tewksbury and we're really looking forward to this event. Like last time it'll be a fun time for everyone involved."

If you would like to participate in next month's tournament, you can purchase tickets at Focaccia's Restaurant in Wilmington or you may contact any of the following people (and also tell them you heard it through the Town Crier): Peter Depesa at 978-836-7666 or email him at focaccia@comcast.net; Paul Colleary at 617-388-8351 or nicehomes4u@hotmail.com; Eric Murray at 978-604-7369; Dennis Messing at 617-291-5895; or Dan Brown at 781-706-2822.

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Wilmington High Senior Michael Murphy named All-League Hoop Player

Unselfish, talented, and a leader

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

He ranks 12th in the league in scoring, averaging 12.9 points a game. He was just named as a Cape Ann League All-Conference Player, one of the 12 best players in the league. Many Division 3 college coaches are drooling over the thought of having him suit up for their team next year.

Michael Murphy could easily be a 20-point scorer per night. He could be that flashy kind of player but that's not his style. It's not the way he plays, not the way he competes and it's certainly not in his personality. Instead, it's all about being as unselfish as he can be, all the while making everyone around him better. And that is exactly what he has done this season for the Wilmington High School Boys Basketball team.

"Michael's had a tremendous season for us," said head coach Joe Maiella. "He bridged a gap, helping those sophomores out. (Timmy) McCarthy and (Vinny) Scifo don't succeed without Murph. The success those guys have had is all from Murph and the way he plays the game and getting those kids involved, his leadership, etc.

"Next year teams are going to do everything to try to shut down Scifo, and I think this year Murph took a lot of pressure off of Vinny. Vinny will have a lot more pressure on him next year from teams trying to shut him down (because he won't have Murph)."

Murphy is a three-sport athlete at WHS. This past fall he was named a league all-star and helped the boys soccer team finish with an 18-1-3 overall record, which included advancing to the Division 2 Eastern Mass Final losing to eventual state champion Concord-Carlisle. Murphy was a big fixture in the team's success as a midfielder. Not only did he log a lot of minutes, and score his share of goals and set up his share, but he was also known for having such a long throw in. His throws from the sidelines could go up to 50 yards, and it created a lot of offense for the Wildcats, and a lot of headaches for opposing defenses.

In the spring, Murphy plays baseball. As a sophomore, he was among the league's top batters. As a junior, he wasn't up there statistically on offense, but he played multiple positions in the infield, and also was one of the team's top pitchers, getting the nod as the starter in the team's second post-season game.

Now eight months later, Murphy's hoping the basketball team can make a longer state tournament run than the baseball team did. This upcoming Friday, the state tournament pairings will be announced, and Wilmington could be traveling to Woburn, Salem or somewhere else. For Murph, this is it - he's the lone senior in the starting line-up, and his basketball days at WHS are dwindling.

"If we play as a team, move the ball around and play defense, I think we can go pretty far (in the tournament)," he said. "But if we play like we did against North Andover, Pentucket and Georgetown, we're not going to win. We just need to get (defensive) stops.

"It's never easy (playing in the tournament) and it's always going to get tougher. But it's always a lot of fun playing in the tournament -

big crowd, big games and you have to step up."

In the big tournament games, Murphy has. As a sophomore, he nailed several huge shots as well as making a huge defensive block as the time expired in the team's dramatic come from behind win over Bishop Fenwick. Then last year in another match-up with Fenwick, Murphy single handedly got the team back in the game when he electrified the crowd by scoring 11 straight points for the Wildcats helping the team take the No. 1 seed to overtime before being defeated. Several of those baskets came on outside shots and three-point attempts, but several others came on taking the ball right to the basket.

"Taking the ball to the hole is what I've been doing all of my life," he said. "But when I have good shooters like these guys (on this year's team), it's much easier to pass it to them, than try to dribble through the lane against four defenders."

In that tournament game last year, Murphy was playing alongside four fellow starters and a coach who are no longer with the program. This past December everything was different for Murphy. He was the lone varsity player returning with varsity experience on a program that has been extremely successful over the last 15 years.

"I think there was a ton of pressure on Murph this year," said Maiella. "If you lose what we lost with (Craig) Melillo, (Mike) Manganelli, and even kids like Stephen Stewart and Jon Spurr and all of the depth we had. We lost nine kids who played last year - nine kids that played."

Now with basically brand new teammates, Murphy had to get used to the new guys on the court - most of them were brought up from the JV team including McCarthy, Kyle Albanese, Nick Godzyk and John Parsons to name a few, who all joined Scifo, who did play in a handful of varsity games late last year as a freshman.

"There are some big guys who are going to grow and get bigger," said Murphy. "Kyle Albanese didn't start at the beginning, and now that he's been starting, he's been getting better and he's been getting rebounds. John Parsons is just an animal - he doesn't stop. Tim McCarthy is a pure shooter and Vin Scifo is a great player - if we get him to play some defense, he'll be one of the top players in the league next year.

"And Nick is just an all-around really good player. He doesn't do anything spectacular and he doesn't do anything bad either. He does all of the little things. He's our best defender and he guards every tough player in the league."

The five starting players have really worked well together as of late. The team currently has an 11-8 overall record, which included a huge win last week against Masconomet. Since the five guys have been put in the line-up together, the offense really seems to click - all five get the ball, and all five guys execute.

"We got off to a slow start and then we won six in a row, so the young guys have stepped up," said Murphy, whose brother Sean was a three-sport athlete at WHS, while his sister Krista competed in track and his younger sister Shannon is a



Wilmington High senior Michael Murphy, a three-sport athlete at WHS, was named to the Cape Ann League All-Conference Boys Basketball team this past week. The captain will look to help lead the Wildcats in the post season, which gets underway next week. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

two-sport cheerleader at the high school. "I remember that Burlington game, we were down and Timmy (McCarthy) stepped up and hit a big shot, to put the game into overtime and then we won it. And that was the first time in several years that we won the tournament.

"We got off to a slow start because a lot of these guys were young but they just needed to get the experience. When we spread the ball around and play like a team, we're fine. (At times during the season) we weren't playing as a team, but once we started too we started to win. We're having fun now. We hadn't won a road game in a while so that win against Masco last week has given us a lot of confidence as we get ready for the state tour-

nament."

Now with the state tournament coming next week, Maiella knows that opposing teams will key on Murphy, but realizes that his kid can do a lot of things with a basketball.

"Michael's strengths is handling the ball and just getting others involved and his leadership on the court," said Maiella. "Every Division 3 (college) coach that has seen him play, loves him, loves his game and his all-around ability. He doesn't do anything fantastic but he does everything solid. There's not a weak part of his game. He can handle the ball, he can shoot the three, he can get to the rim, he can defend, he can rebound, he is a leader and he's a dynamite kid who does well in the

classroom.

"Things he can improve on that the college level is shooting the three-pointer better. Once he can consistently shoot the three better - he's had games like up in North Andover where he hit six three-pointers - he's going to be awfully good. He can also put the ball to the floor, and there's not too many kids out there who can put the ball to the floor, get to the rim, and shoot the three. Every college coach I talk to says they'd like him to shoot the three-pointer a bit better and more consistently, but they love his game."

Murphy said he has narrowed his choices down to Rivier, Westfield, New England College and UMass Dartmouth. He said he plans

on studying business and will play basketball and should he decide to attend Westfield State, he may play soccer there as well. But until he decides on his third coach in as many years, he'll keep on doing what he's been doing over the last three-plus years on the WHS basketball court.

"(This season) I just try to be unselfish, and try to play like I have been playing in the previous three years," said Murphy. "I'm not trying to force anything. I do have the ball in my hands a lot, but I don't look to shoot every time. I know Tim and Scifo are good shooters, so I find them open, I'll pass the ball to them."

Basketball pairings to be released on Friday

Wildcats await first round tourney opponent

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

As of Tuesday morning, 14 teams qualified for the Division 2 North sectional Boys Basketball tournament. Two more teams are on the bubble, while a host of already qualified teams have one game left on their schedule which could really affect the seedings when the MIAA releases them on Friday.

But for the Wilmington High Boys team, first-year head coach Joe Maiella really doesn't care where his team is seeded, as long the seat is warm when the Wildcats arrive for post-season play.

"I'm very excited, first because we got in," he said after the conclusion of Monday's practice. "I'm not just saying this, because I think any coach in the league would say the same thing, but this has been probably one of the toughest years to be in the Cape Ann League. If you look at the small schools like Hamilton-Wenham, Manchester, Georgetown, Rockport and then look at the big schools like North Andover and Masco, two teams that have been ranked in the top 20, and Pentucket and North Reading are both tough, solid teams.

"Five or six years ago in the Cape Ann League, we would get six automatic wins against those small school teams and that certainly wasn't the case this year."

Despite the tougher competition, Wilmington has an 11-8 record with one senior in the line-up and three sophomores. The Wildcats faced Shawsheen Tech in a non-league game on Wednesday which concluded the team's regular season. The previous time these two teams faced each other back in December, the Wildcats blew away the Rams. Assuming Wilmington takes care of business, they will finish with a 12-8 record.

And what would that mean for the upcoming state tournament?

"We're going to be seeded either ninth, tenth, eleventh or possibly 12th and most likely we'll play Woburn, Salem, or if Masco drops both of its games in the



Vinny Scifo became the first sophomore from the WHS Boys Basketball team to be named an all-conference selection since Mike Lombard back in 1986.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Reading tournament this week, we could possibly play either Masco or Reading," said Maiella. "There are going to be three or four

teams at 12-8 so if we lose a coin flip and if Reading or Masco lose their coin flips, we could see ourselves play one of those two teams. But

most likely right now it'll most likely be either Woburn or Salem."

Right now the top three teams, Belmont, Chelsea

and North Andover all have a 17-2 record with one game left. Masco is 16-3 with one game left, followed by Reading (15-4), Dracut (15-5), Lynn Classical (13-6), Salem and Woburn (13-7), Brighton (11-7), Wilmington and Beverly (11-8), Wakefield (11-9) and Arlington (10-10). Marblehead and Concord-Carlisle need to win outright to get into the tournament.

There are conflicting reports on Brighton's record, which could change a lot of things around, but the consensus is they are 11-7. If that's the case, and whether 14, 15 or 16 teams get in, Wilmington could also be in a scenario of facing Masconomet/Reading or Dracut.

Maiella seemed to believe on Monday morning that his team would most likely face either Salem or Woburn, on the road most likely Tuesday or Wednesday.

"I saw Woburn play Friday, and we're going to see them again (Monday night) and again Thursday night," said Maiella. "They have three excellent players - they have a 6-foot-7 big kid, a four-year point guard. They are very good and I equate them to a team like North Andover. We can definitely play with Woburn, but it's a matter of how are we going to play but we can definitely play with them.

"Salem we're going to see play both Wednesday and Thursday night and from what I'm told they are very athletic and they can shoot the three-pointer. So it's a whole other world in Division 2 compared to Division 3 - two or three years ago Division 3 was much better than Division 2 and this year, from top to bottom Division 2 is very strong. We can play with most teams. I think the X factor is right now is Brighton. They are very athletic, they just beat Charlestown by 20 points, they beat Somerville by 30 two weeks ago."

If the rookie coach could have a choice, he likes the thought of facing the red-hot Tanners, winners of six in a row.

"Woburn's record is misleading because their top player was out at the start of

the year with an ankle injury," said Maiella. "I'd love to play Woburn - they are a cross-town rival, we have the whole Middlesex League thing. They are very similar to North Andover - they have a really good big man and a really good point guard, but we can play with them."

Last year Wilmington defeated North Reading in the first round of the Division 3 North tournament, before falling in a terrific game to the No. 1 seed Bishop Fenwick, 70-61, in overtime. The year before the Wildcats defeated Minuteman Tech and Bishop Fenwick, before losing to Watertown in the Division 3 North Finals.

This year the Wildcats have been bumped up to Division 2, and certainly the team has their work cut out for them in order to come away with any or multiple tournament victories.

"We need to defend better, but you don't want to use size as an excuse, but it's size all-around (that's a problem for us)," said Maiella.

"(Sophomore Vinny) Scifo and (and sophomore Tim) McCarthy are both 5-9 and 150 pounds so they get beat up a little bit, and then we give up size at the center position. Both (junior Nick) Godzyk and (senior Michael) Murphy are two solid defensive players, but the other three guys (struggle at times) and a lot of that is the size component."

"Down the road, those two sophomores are going to get better defensively as they mature into their bodies."

All-League Selections

This past week, the Cape Ann League announced it's 12 members of the All-League team, and Wilmington was fortunate to get both Michael Murphy and Vinny Scifo on the elite team. Murphy ranks 12th in the league in scoring with 245 points through the first 19 games and is averaging 12.9 points per game. Scifo is 12th in the league in scoring with 295 points and a 15.5 average per game.

Scifo also became the first sophomore from WHS to be named All-Conference since Mike Lombard did it in 1986.

Knock off North Andover to improve to 18-0-0

Boys Hockey team two wins away from perfection

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

One of the more difficult things to do in sports is to beat the same opponent three times in one season. But that was the task facing the Wilmington High boys hockey team on Saturday night when they hosted Cape Ann League rival North Andover at Ristuccia Arena.

Having already downed the Scarlet Knights twice

earlier in the season the Wildcats were facing a talented opponent with revenge on their minds as both teams wrapped up their CAL schedules.

Difficult or not, the Wildcats got the job done on Senior Night, skating to a 3-1 victory behind a goal and an assist from senior forward Jeff Harris and the game winning tally from junior defenseman Brian Hurley in the second

period. Senior goalie Zach Rosa made 15 saves to earn the win.

In picking up the victory the Wildcats accomplished something else that is very difficult to do, finishing the Cape Ann League an undefeated record. The Wildcats are perfect on the season with a record of 18-0-0, and they finished their CAL season with an unblemished 16-0-0 mark.

"I can't remember another team doing it," Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon said. "It is quite an accomplishment when you consider the competition you face night in and night out in this league."

And the quest for a perfect CAL season as well as a perfect season overall certainly served as motivation for the Wildcats who had already wrapped up the CAL title last week.

Scanlon knew his team would need to be motivated to beat a North Andover team that has been very successful against nearly everybody else on their schedule with an 11-5-2 overall record and an 8-4-2 mark in the league.

"That was definitely motivation for the kids," Scanlon said. "We were

looking for something once they had the league won. We also knew that North Andover would be coming for us. They had been talking about it, that they did not want to lose three times to us, so it was big for us to get the win."

The teams battled through nearly all of the first period in a scoreless tie with the first half of the period being pretty evenly played, but with Wilmington establishing some control in the latter part of the frame.

The Wildcats had some chances including a point blank slap shot on a 2-on-1 from senior forward Jared Ravigni that was turned aside by North Andover goalie Tyler Morandi with six minutes left in the period.

Wilmington finally capitalized on their control with 12 seconds left in the period when senior forward Liam Gately popped in a rebound of a John Langenfeld shot for a 1-0 lead and a huge lift heading to the locker room for the break.

"Any time you pop someone like that with under a minute to go in the period it has a huge psychological

effect," Scanlon said. "It pumps up your kids and hurts the other team."

That certainly seemed to be the case early in the second period, as the Wildcats dominated play for the first few minutes of the period. Senior forward Pat Boudreau was sent in alone for a power play opportunity three minutes into the period, and made a great move, but Morandi made an outstanding glove save to rob him.

The save by Morandi seemed to give the Scarlet Knights a lift, because just moments later, at the 3:30 mark, freshman Daniel Rivet scored to pull them even at 1-1.

It did not take the Wildcats long to respond, however, as Hurley tied the game on a beautiful backhand shot from about 15 feet out at 6:49 of the period to give Wilmington the lead for good. Senior forward Colin Foley started the play with a steal in the North Andover end and after Morandi stoned Cam Owens, the rebound came out to Hurley who made no mistake in burying the puck high to Morandi's glove side.

A tripping penalty on

Foley in the closing seconds of the period gave North Andover a power play to start the third period, but they could do little with it. Harris then gave the Wildcats all the insurance they would need with a blistering slap shot from the point with 7:59 left in the game on an assist from Ravigni.

While happy with the win, Scanlon would like to see his team play even better.

"We did not play particularly well, but we played well enough to win," Scanlon said.

The Wildcats will wrap up their season with two non-league games as they try to finish the season as the only undefeated team in Eastern Mass. They will travel to Peabody in Wednesday night and will travel to arch rival Tewksbury for their season finale on Friday night. The game time for the Tewksbury battle to be held at the Super Skills Arena has been changed to 8:20 pm.



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Atleast three wrestlers advance to state meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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Three wrestlers qualified for this weekend's Division 3 state meet and two others will serve as alternates, as the Wilmington High wrestling team ended up with seven kids who placed within the top six of their respective weight class during this past weekend's Division 3 North sectional individual wrestling tournament held at Pentucket Regional High School.

Twelve teams participated, and the top four in each weight class automatically qualified for this weekend's state meet which will begin Friday night and conclude Saturday at Cohasset High School. Those who finished fifth serve as alternates, in case of injuries, sickness or if wrestlers don't make their weight.

Both Cody Halladay and Sean Adams finished in third place, while Alex Furlong finished fourth overall. Tom Valente and Sean Furlong finished fifth to serve as the alternates, and both Tim Penney and Jeff Goosens placed sixth, but unfortunately their seasons came to an end.

Head coach Mike Pimental is thrilled that he has at least three, possibly five kids advancing, and hopes there's still a lot of gas left in all of their tanks.

"I thought the three kids (Cody, Sean and Alex) all had a great weekend and we hope they can all carry that over to this upcoming weekend," he said. "I thought all three of them looked really good at the sectionals, and I think if they continue to do what they did this past weekend, they will have a chance of placing at the

state meet. So we'll see what they can bring to the table."

Halladay finished third at the 130-pound weight class. He defeated Cody McCarthy of Georgetown, 7-5 in the opening match. He then was defeated by Triton's Joe Chandler by pin at the 1:33 mark. From there, Halladay battled back and won his next two matches over Tyngsboro's Nate Belkin (14-9) and Lynnfield's Nick McGrath (7-0).

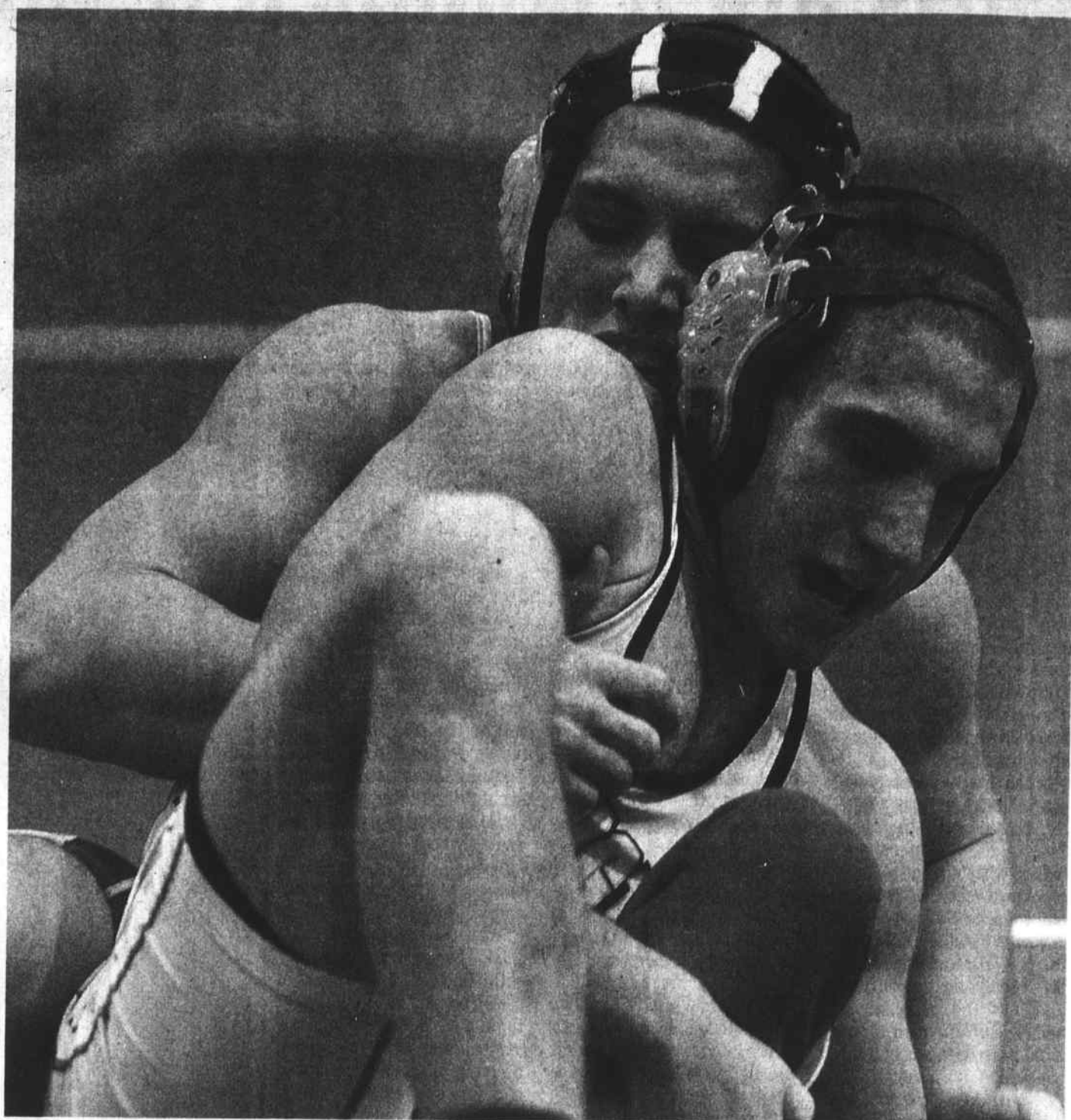
Adams also was third at the 135-pound division. He first defeated Morgan Muschamp of Hamilton-Wenham, 11-8, before falling in his next match to Dan Chandler of Triton, 10-3. Just like Halladay, Adams battled back and won his next two matches over Lynnfield's Richie Falcone with a pin just 37 seconds into the match, and over Dan Dragon of Pentucket by an injury default.

Finally for the last place finisher was Alex Furlong, who finished 2-2 for fourth place in the 189-pound division. He defeated Lynnfield's EJ Pasucci and Winthrop's Nick Dooman by pins, but was defeated by Triton's Brendan O'Neill and Wakefield's Wes Brown. O'Neill went on to win the sectional title.

Tom Valente (171) and Sean Furlong (160) placed fifth and Tim Penney (125) and Jeff Goosens (145) placed sixth to round out the place finishers.

Junior captain James Perry, who was featured in last week's edition as being the team's leader in victories this season, missed the entire sectional tournament with the flu.

Wrestling will begin on Friday at 7:00 pm, and then



Wilmington High's Tom Valente, show here during an earlier match against Tewksbury's Mike Altavesta, finished fifth during this weekend's Division 3 North sectional meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

conclude all day Saturday starting at 10:00 am and the finals most likely at 7:00 pm. The top six place finishers advance to the following weekend's All-State Meet to be held at Salem

High School.

"We're just looking for our guys to carry over the success they had this past weekend, and just peak at the right time here with the state meet," said Pimental.

"I think they all can do at least the same, if not better as long as they are relaxed and have fun. The guys need to avoid trying not to lose. When you do that, bad things happen - you are off

your game and you are wrestling not to lose, instead of wrestling to win."

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Play top ranked teams until the end

Girls are a completely different team

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

This Friday, the MIAA will release its state tournament basketball pairings. For the fifth straight time, the Wildcat girls have qualified. And before we go into who the team could face early next week, a look back at how the team got to its 11 wins, is certainly remarkable.

Back in early January, the Wildcats were 1-6, and had three losses by a combined nine points. The shots weren't going in, the team just didn't have great chemistry at the time, and Wilmington just wasn't getting any breaks or bounces.

But then the team turned things around. The Wildcats took advantage of a softer schedule, but at the same time reeled off some very impressive wins. Wilmington won eight games in a row, and held six of those teams to 41 points or less.

Then the Wildcats had a much tougher task ahead. Needing one win in its last five games, against five teams who currently have a combined record of 78-26, was not going to be easy. Yet the Wildcats not only defeated a tough North Andover team on the road nearly two weeks ago for the clincher, but added win No. 11 on Monday with a tremendously played back-and-forth offensive battle with Gloucester, with Wilmington coming out on top 77-73, in the consolation game of the St. Mary's of Lynn tournament held at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium.

"The place was packed," said head coach Jay Keane, whose team finished the regular season with an 11-9 overall record. "The gym was loud and it was just a crazy game. It was a fun game to watch. You certainly got your monies worth watching that game with all of the scoring and the action from both teams."

Wilmington started out on an 18-4 run against Gloucester, before the Fishermen closed the gap to eight at 22-14 after the first quarter. Again Gloucester continued to come back in the second quarter, closing the gap down, this time to 36-33.

The second half saw the Fishermen overtake the Wildcats by as many as five points before Wilmington crawled back with some timely baskets by Amy Fahey, before Meaghan Stinson drained a huge trey and Wilmington trailed by a bas-

ket.

ket. Then with 90 seconds to go, junior Amanda Keane scored a huge put back bucket in the lane to tie the game up. Then a couple of baskets and free throws down the stretch sealed the deal for Wilmington, who scored a whopping season high 77 points in this game.

"We scored right away off the opening tip-off and another basket, a steal and a lay-up and all of a sudden we were up 18-4," said Keane. "I mean we were clicking on all cylinders and that was our best basketball of the season. But Gloucester kept coming back. They have a good team and they have played well all season - I mean they are going to the tournament with 11 wins from a tough league."

"It was just a very exciting back-and-forth game. The referees let the girls play a little bit, there were girls diving for loose balls, we took three charges and our girls just played a great game. It was just such a fast paced game with a ton of fast breaks for both teams. But I thought we really had great ball movement. The girls just played so hard and there were bodies flying all over the place."

Fahey led the way with 24 points, while Emily Crannell (14), Stinson (13) and Maggie Brown (11) were also in double figures, combining for 38 more points.

The day before, the Wildcats played very well once again, losing to Arlington Catholic, 56-46. AC is currently 17-3 on the season and will be the No. 3 ranked team in this week's MIAA Division 2 North sectional tournament.

"We were down by four at the half, and in the third quarter I thought we were outplaying them but we missed a few (open) shots," said Keane. "Then AC started to pull away, but we kept coming back. They'd get it to eight or nine, and we'd get it back to four, or they'd get it six, and we'd get it back to three. They just couldn't put us away."

Again Fahey had a monster game with 20 points and Brown had 14 rebounds.

With the 1-1 week, Wilmington finishes the regular season with the 11-9 record, and depending on how several other games go late Tuesday night, Wilmington could be anywhere from a 10th seed to a 13th seed, depending out-comes with Dracut and Lynn Classical, and possible coin-

flips.

"Getting into the state tournament like we did and playing a top seed, and another team that's going to the tournament, I think really is good for us," said Keane. "Last year we had a really long lay-off before the state tournament game and I think that really affected us. We came out very flat, we weren't prepared and we had gone almost two full weeks without a game. Playing in this tournament, as well as we played and against the teams we played, I think will really help us."

It appears through various websites that Reading and Melrose will flip a coin to determine the first and second seed. Arlington Catholic and Latin Academy seem to have the locks down on spots three and four. Winchester, North Andover and Danvers will be the next three teams, but a Danvers, win or loss Tuesday could shift things around. Tewksbury and Dracut appear to be the 8th and 9th seeded teams, then followed by Brighton, Gloucester, Lynn Classical and Wilmington.

"After the top three teams, I think there's a lot of parity with the rest of the teams in the bracket," said Keane. "I think a lot of those teams are very similar where they have a couple of good players and a couple of good role players. I think Division 2 North is pretty much wide open."

Thirteen teams will be in the bracket, thus if Wilmington is seeded 11th or 12th, most likely the Wildcats will face either Danvers, Winchester or North Andover, on the road most likely this Tuesday or Wednesday. If Wilmington is seeded last, that actually could benefit the 'Cats who would travel to the City and take on Latin Academy. If that's the case and Wilmington prevails, the 'Cats would most likely then face the winner of 5 vs 12 which possibly could be Winchester and Gloucester.

The Wildcats will not have a home game throughout the entire playoffs.

"We are playing very well and I think we're going to be a tough match-up for anyone we face," said Keane. "Sometimes people looked at our record and didn't really pay attention to us, although we were much better than our record indicated. Right now we are playing great basketball, we're playing as a team and the substitutes have been



Wilmington High sophomore guard Emily Crannell dribbles with the ball for the Girls Basketball team during a recent Cape Ann League game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

playing great in their roles. The biggest difference is these girls know how to win now, which is something they didn't know how to do earlier."

Last year Wilmington lost in the first round of the Division 3 North tournament to Weston. The year before the Wildcats also were defeated in the first round by Swampscott. Back in 2007, Wilmington advanced to the program's first ever sectional title game losing to league rival Pentucket by a bucket. And in 2006, Wilmington knocked off Stoneham in the first round before losing to another league foe Ipswich in the second round.

This year Wilmington has been bumped up to Division 2, and Keane would like nothing better than to capture the

program's first state tournament win, since knocking off previously undefeated Winthrop in the sectional semi-finals back during that magical run in 2007.

"I just love the way our girls are playing right now," said Keane. "They are playing like such a team. The chemistry is tremendous, and I tell you it's been a good season. It's been a lot of fun coaching these girls, and being around them."

"This team could have easily fell apart or thrown in the towel when we were 1-6 but they didn't. I think that says a lot about the leadership we have not only from our captains Amy and Allie (Robbins) but it says a lot about the other two seniors, Ashley (Gonzalez) and Jill (Fudge) as well. Those four

kids treat everyone equally and fairly, and they are the glue who keep this team together. It's been a fun group to coach."

All-Stars Named

This past week the Cape Ann League announced its all-league and all-star players and for the third straight year, Amy Fahey was the lone Wildcat player to be named to the Cape Ann League All-Conference team. The senior, who will be playing basketball next year at Fitchburg State College, will play in the league's all-star game on Friday night beginning at 6:00 pm at Triton Regional High School. Joining Fahey as league all-stars will be junior Amanda Keane and sophomore Maggie Brown.

Young team made a lot of progress this season

Girls Hockey team will only get better in the future

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Sometimes, no matter the level of play, when a lot of young promising talent is added to a program, the coach can't help but get excited. For Wilmington High Girls Hockey coach Joe McMahon, he admits he got too excited, and unfairly expected too much from his team this season.

This past week Wilmington played two games losing to Beverly, 2-1, and Algonquin Regional, 3-1, putting the team's overall record to 3-16-0 with one game left on the schedule.

"Overall it was good to see the number of girls we had out for the season, but we expected too much out of this season," said McMahon. "The speed of the game at the high school level compared to the youth level is totally different, and I think because we're so young we needed to get used to that. It's a big step from youth hockey to high school, and I think with

more experience, the girls will get quicker, and will have better instincts on the ice."

McMahon added that having the core of his team made up of his sixth and seventh graders was a lot to ask.

"I should have changed things at the start of the season - the way things were being done," he said. "That's my own fault. I think I took too much for granted."

"But that being said I think that these girls could have beaten almost any team we played if they put their minds to it. We were just too inconsistent. Sometimes we would start off flat in the first period, and then play great in the second and third periods. When you have 12 and 13 year old girls on the team, you can't expect them to form a seasoned team right away. We did expect that and we shouldn't have. These girls are very young, they will come of age and get better, but the future really looks bright."

On Saturday, Wilmington

was totally dominated by Beverly and fell by a close score of 2-1, thanks to senior goaltender Amelia Woodbury. "Beverly had 52 shots on net and Amelia stopped 50 of them," said McMahon. "The puck was in our end the entire second period, and they outshot us 16-0. You're not going to win too many hockey games doing that. I think we were just flat in the second period and they took it to us. But if it wasn't for Amelia playing so great, we would have been in worse shape."

Junior Meghan Pickett scored the lone goal for the Wildcats in that loss.

On Monday, Wilmington was defeated by Algonquin, 3-0.

"The girls played a real good game," said McMahon. "The third goal they got was an empty netter, but I saw a lot of good things in this game - and I didn't see that in the Beverly game."

Wilmington has one game left on the season against

Shrewsbury with the results not known as of presstime. That game was played at home on Senior Night, where the team's four seniors, Amelia Woodbury, Taylor Manning, Kaitlyn Souza and Kelsey McKenna were recognized for playing in their last high school game.

"Amelia has been with me since she was in sixth grade," said McMahon. "Kaitlyn gives 100 percent every time out. Kelsey didn't get much playing time, but when she did, she absolutely loved it and loved being a part of this team, and when she didn't, she understood."

"And Taylor had never been a goalie before, she stepped up when Amelia was sick, and was a starting goalie for two thirds of the season. She was very unselfish, and she wants to be a doctor. So I had four special seniors, and this is always a very tough time for me to see them leave."



Taylor Perella, a defenseman on the WHS Girls Hockey team, handles the puck during a recent game held at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Wilmington resident Jim McGonagle head coach of Girls Hockey team

Several locals help lift AP to fun season

By LAUREN SPENCER
Sports Correspondent

READING - With the help of Tewksbury residents, Kaileigh Gorman and Shannon O'Neil, and Wilmington residents, Kelly Flaherty and Mary Anna DeRupo, the Austin Prep Girls Varsity Hockey team is just two wins away from a state tournament appearance.

Going into the season, head coach Jim McGonagle, also of Wilmington, was not confident that this would be a successful season. The addition of a few newcomers and underclassmen, as well as strong leadership from the captains and upperclassmen, proved his expectations wrong.

Austin Prep currently has a 7-8-3 record on the season and if the Cougars can get three points against Woburn and Winchester, McGonagle's teams will have made the tournament for the 11th time in the past 12 years.

The Cougars are led by senior captain Kaileigh Gorman, of Tewksbury. Gorman, a forward, has played for Austin Prep for four years. She is among the team's top scorers this season.

"This team would not have the character it has, if it was not for Kaileigh's dedication and leadership," said McGonagle.

Junior forward Kelly Flaherty of Wilmington is another team leader who has played a big part in contributing to Austin Prep's success this season.

"[Flaherty] is a hard working [player] who gives

it her all when she is on the ice," McGonagle said. "Kelly is a leader with our team and the girls look up to her."

With only two seniors on the team, there were many underclassmen lacking experience at the beginning of the season.

"Because we are so young, it took the underclassmen a little longer to play the type of hockey we expect at Austin Prep and at the division one level," McGonagle said.

As the season progressed, they seemed to improve dramatically as the Cougars' top three scorers are underclassmen, and over the past nine games, the team has a 5-1-3 record.

Freshman goaltender Shannon O'Neil added, "It took us a few games to work together as a team, but from the beginning, every game we improved."

O'Neil had a significant impact on the team this year. A Tewksbury resident, O'Neil has three shutouts on the season. She has played in nine games with a 1.89 goals against average.

"[O'Neil's] goaltending skills have placed the team back in the division rankings as a team to watch for next year," said McGonagle.

Another standout underclassman is Mary Anna DeRupo, an eighth grader from Wilmington. A starter on defense, DeRupo has performed on the power play all season. This was her first year on the Austin Prep Varsity team.

"Mary Anna played like and all-star this year for us and I'm looking forward to watching her grow into a



The Austin Prep Girls Varsity Hockey team, coached by Wilmington resident Jim McGonagle, has several local players from Tewksbury, who have done very well for the up and coming team. (courtesy photo).

great division one defenseman," said McGonagle.

These local underclassmen were also a big part of two of AP's standout wins this season. Victories over Ursuline Academy and Notre Dame of Hingham were both key in improving the Cougars' chances of qualifying for the playoffs.

Against Ursuline Academy, DeRupo scored her first high school goal. Against Notre Dame of Hingham, O'Neil had her third shut out of the season.

Another game that stood out in the season was against a strong, No. 1 ranked St. Mary's team. Austin Prep held St. Mary's to a scoreless tie until half

way through the third period. Although the Cougars did not come out on top, playing well against such a strong team had a big impact on AP.

"Although we lost I felt we played very well as a team," said O'Neil. "This game was the turning point of our season."

Regardless of Austin Prep's fate in qualifying for the state tournament, the season will have been a successful one.

"It's been a successful season because all of the underclassmen got great playing time against some real good teams and this will help us for next year," said McGonagle.

And being one of the many

players who will be returning next year, O'Neil added that the experience the members of the team are getting now, will only be beneficial to the entire program down the line.

"We are a very young team this year, so I'm looking forward to another

strong season (next year)," she said.

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Wilmington resident Ashley Vitale continues to excel on the basketball court for Endicott College. (courtesy photo/EC).

Vitale nets big double-double for Endicott

By DAN IGO
Sports Correspondent

Ashley Vitale and the Endicott women's basketball team remained red hot on Saturday as they made the final push towards The Commonwealth Coast Conference playoffs.

Vitale scored a game-high 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Endicott to a 68-60 win over Salve Regina. The Gulls improved to 16-6 overall and 9-2 in the conference.

Vitale, a forward from Wilmington, scored 14 of her points in the second half. She was extremely efficient, shooting 8-12 from the field and 8-10 from the foul line. She was named Endicott's female "Athlete of the Week" for her performance. The junior captain is currently averaging 11.1 points and 6.2 rebounds a game. The Gulls next play on Wednesday against New England College. The conference playoffs will be held next week.

Vitale's good buddy, **Brianne Bozzella** deserves a big congratulations as she was just named to the 2009 Northeast-10 Conference Fall All-Academic team.

Bozzella, a junior on the UMass Lowell women's soccer team, was one of ten student-athletes from her school to be named to the team. She is an exercise physiology major and boasts a 3.89 GPA.

The forward had a strong year for the River Hawks, scoring six goals and dishing out four assists. Three of her goals were game-winners.

A former Tewksbury High track standout has been competing at the varsity level in college, and she is doing quite well. **Kristin Judge** is a sophomore high jumper at the University of Pennsylvania, and she competed in the New Balance Invitational at the Armory facility in New York City.

This event is considered one of the toughest in the nation, and Judge was impressive in the high jump, finishing in ninth place out of 19 after clearing 5-05 ft.

Two other former Tewksbury High girls track teammates competed in last weekend's "Boston University Valentine Invitational." **Nikki Cunha**, a freshman at Northeastern, competed in the 400 meter dash and finished in 19th place with a time of 57.67.

Sarah Bonomo, a junior at UMass Lowell, finished in 51st place in the 3000 meters with a time of 10:47.

Corey Ryser provided five points in only 11 minutes off the bench as the Bridgewater State men's basketball team won their

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second straight Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference regular season title with a 74-70 come-from-behind victory over Worcester State on Saturday. The sophomore guard from Tewksbury was 2-4 from the field, 1-3 behind the three-point line.

Tewksbury's **Sarah Boudreau** had a solid all-around game for the Westfield State women's basketball team in a 59-50 loss to Western New England College. The senior guard, a team captain, had six points, six assists, two rebounds, a steal and a block in the loss.

John Cahalane picked up his fifth assist of the season for the Worcester State hockey team in a 6-2 loss to Assumption on Tuesday.

The sophomore center from Tewksbury helped notch the score at 2-2 with his feed at 2:58 in the second period, but Assumption would score four unanswered goals to take the victory. Worcester State currently boasts a record of 5-12-2 and next plays host to Franklin Pierce on Saturday.

The "Fudgicle 5K Series" continued last Saturday in Tewksbury with five local runners taking part in the race. **Wilmington's Mark Blaisdell** finished in ninth place with a time of 22:36. **Joe Andella** of Tewksbury crossed the line at 22:36, placing 12th.

On the women's side, **Tewksbury's Lisa Maciel** finished in third place with a time of 23:35. Fellow Tewksbury resident **Marli Piccolo** was placed fifth with a time of 25:28. Rounding out the Tewksbury trio was **Rita LaBella**, who finished in 13th place with a time of 29:21.

On Friday, February 26th, World Championship Fighting will take place at the Shriners Auditorium beginning at 7:30 pm and two locals, **Jamie Campbell** and **Dan Bonnell** of Wilmington will be competing.

Campbell will take on **Colin Shrader** and **Bonnell** matches up against **Cesario de Souza**.

To purchase tickets for the events log onto: www.wcfighting.com.

Tewksbury Youth Football has released information for its 2010 scholarship program. The league will be awarding up to 12 scholar-

ships this year to graduating seniors. Applications must be postmarked by April 27th. More information can be found on the league's Web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/TewksburyYouthFootball/index.cfm>.

TYF also has head coach openings in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Visit the league's Web site if you are interested.

The Tewksbury Youth Basketball League is gearing up for its "Jim Plunkett Night." It will be held this month with the exact date yet to be determined. More information will be posted once it is released.

The Tewksbury Girls Basketball League will be holding a "Trivia Night Fundraiser" on Thursday, Feb. 25th at the Tewksbury Country Club from 7 to 11 pm. To reserve a table or buy tickets contact **Lee Anne Petherbridge** at aapeth@comcast.net.

Tewksbury Youth Soccer is opening registration for the Spring 2010 season of the U4-U8 age groups until March 1st. A \$25.00 late fee applies after that date. For more information, visit the league's Web site at: <http://www.tewksburyyouthsoccer.org/>.

TYSA is also accepting head coaching applications for the 2010-11 season. Those applications can be found on the league's site.

Registration for the Tewksbury Youth Lacrosse Association has been extended until the end of February for both boys and girls. More information can be found here: <http://www.eteamz.com/tyla/>.

Wilmington Little League is still accepting registrations for the Spring season online. Go to the league's Web site for more information: <http://www.wilmingtonlittleleague.org/>.

A tentative schedule for the Wilmington Youth Soccer Association has been posted on the league's Web site: <http://www.wilmingtonyouthsoccer.org/>.

New player registration for Wilmington Pop Warner will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm at Villanova Hall. Players must bring an original birth certificate and all completed forms.

This column will continue weekly. If you have any information you feel should be featured in this column, feel free to e-mail me at: dan.j.igo@gmail.com.

From the Sports Editor's Desk

Cleaning out the winter notebooks

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

As we head to the winter season playoffs, and the spring season is right around the corner (Thank You Mother Nature), that only means it's time to empty out the notebooks with some left-over sights, thoughts and ramblings of the local and professional sports world through their eyes and fingers.

So here goes: What ever happened to playing good music before and during high school games? I mean, wow, can it possibly get any worse than what we here at the WHS Boys Hoop Games, and then getting totally blown away from the trillion watt speakers turned on full blast during the hockey games at Ristuccia?

I know that I'm in my mid 30s now and my music taste is not the same of the average 16 and 17 year old nowadays, but I just don't get it. I mean how does the music these guys listen to actually pump them up for a game?

Back in my day, we listened to Classic Rock, groups like AC/DC or Van Halen, stuff to get your juices going and get you ready for the game. Then when I first became a Town Crier sportswriter, I remember walking into the high school gymnasium when Scott Swiezynski and those guys played and listening to "The Outfield" and the song "Winning It All".

Lyrics that say "Winning It All" before playing a game - wow what a concept!

Thankfully the high school hockey team doesn't have anymore home games this season - because there's nothing I like more than leaving the rink with a headache, not being able to hear for three weeks and never wanting to listen to the radio ever again.

The funny thing, I know I'm certainly not the only person, nevermind sportswriter to think this. I have no idea how you parents do it. OK I'm done ranting is done now.

Onto another subject. Speaking of high school hockey, did anyone catch the comical relief John Messuri gave reporters after Monday's game? Messuri is the head coach of the Winchester Boys Hockey team. He's a real

good coach - gets everything out of his players, he's competitive year in and year out and the few dealings I've had with him, he seems like a very genuine, down to earth kind of guy.

Anyway, on Monday night Winchester defeated Woburn, 3-1, which guaranteed the Sachems a tie for the Middlesex League crown, as well as vastly improving the team's chances of getting into the Super 8 tournament. Messuri was asked after the win by reporters, about Winchester representing the Middlesex League in the Super 8 and about opposing teams being seeded higher than Winchester by the Boston Herald.

"How can you have a league champ be in the (Super 8) finals two years in a row (Reading in 2008 and Burlington last season) and (the league champ) doesn't get a six seed (this season)," Messuri said to Herald when about the chances of the Merrimack Valley or Bay State conference champions getting a higher seed than the Middlesex champion.

Messuri then jokingly took a jab at Jim Clark, the Herald's High School Sports Editor.

"I don't care about Clarky's RPI (college education)," he added with a broad smile. "My Princeton education becomes insulted. I can't figure it out. (A Middlesex League team) has beaten the Merrimack Valley League first-place team two years in a row. Tell Clarky I've got my own RPI. The CSI: the Common Sense Index."

Awesome. Wish I could have been there. That's a classic quote. And it just makes me very happy knowing the days of Wilmington jumping ship to the Middlesex League with classic guys like Messuri is now just 18 months and a few days away.

And for the record, Clarky is a terrific guy, who really knows his stuff.

Next week, the Town Crier will publish it's annual high school state tournament predictions, between myself and Mike Ippolito. If you would like submit your predictions to be published in the paper, send me an email at: jamiapote@hotmail.com.

And speaking of readers, we

are always looking for fans of our "Dropping the Gloves" segment to take one of us sports reporters on, so if you would like to, send me an email on that as well.

With the spring upon us, that only means Major League Baseball is ahead - the best sport and the best time of the year. So I'm going to make my pre-season predictions and say the Yankees (how can you not win a league title with that infield and playing in that ball park?), Twins, Angels, Phillies, Reds and Rockies will win league titles, with the Red Sox and Braves as the two wild cards.

The shocker probably comes with the Reds, but I think they are going to be a huge sleeper this year. They have depth everywhere with pitching and in the infield, and this is the year for Joey Votto and Jay Bruce to emerge as superstars.

The Twins made some great additions, and no one else in that division did, and although the Angels lost a lot, Texas and Seattle have major holes in their pitching staffs to really compete.

Over in the NL, Phillies are easy choice, and Rockies are solid all the way around, and I think this could be a magical year for the Braves in the final year of managing for Bobby Cox

Speaking of TV, isn't the MLB Station tremendous? And now with Peter Gammons joining their team it's even better. It's also great to watch those all-time classics. The other day the 1991 World Series was on, and besides the Series the Red Sox played in, that '91 series has to be ranked as one of the top all-time Series.

One thing I'd love to see is on that network is for them to show the debut of Jim Morris, when he pitched for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. You know, no matter how many times I watch that movie "The Rookie" I can never turn it off. It's another classic

See all of you sports fans at the games. Hopefully the Tewksbury and Wilmington teams can make the cold weather and snowy conditions somewhat enjoyable over these next few weeks.

Rams Boys Hoop team ending season on strong note

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team is making a late season surge which may very well be a preview of what to expect next season. After struggling for much of the season, the Rams seem to have found their stride in the final few weeks of the season, picking up wins behind the efforts of some of their youngest players.

Most recently the Rams picked up a 52-47 win over CAC rival Whittier last Friday night at Shawsheen. The win, the third in the past four games and second in a row for the Rams, was a great indication of just how far the team has come since early in the season.

The Rams were routed by this same Whittier squad, by a score of 60-40 back on January 12, but the Rams have improved a great deal since that defeat. With the win, the Rams improved to 4-13 on the season (4-8 CAC Large), while the tournament bound Wildcats dropped to 13-7 (7-5) on the year.

"It's great to get a win like that," Shawsheen coach Bob Hodnett said. "The kids came out and played hard and now they have a two game winning streak. A lot of our younger kids are stepping up

and playing well."

Two of the young players that Hodnett has come to rely on most have been a pair of guards from Wilmington, sophomore guard Steve Reynolds and freshman Joe Spinale. The two have led the way for the Rams in several of their recent games and Friday was no different as Spinale netted 13 points and Reynolds added 10 of his own. Spinale had three treys as part of his offensive outburst.

"They are starting to shoot the ball well and they are starting to gain some confidence," Hodnett said.

Reynolds has been with the varsity squad since the beginning of the season and has exceeded all expectations while also gaining some valuable experience. Spinale meanwhile has been the biggest surprise of the year, joining the team on a permanent basis midway through the year due to a season ending injury to senior guard Kevin White of Tewksbury. The 5'6 freshman has made the most of his time with the varsity squad.

"His improvement has been quicker than we thought," Hodnett said. "We knew he had talent but we were not sure how quickly he would be able to show it with the varsity. But with the injury to

Kevin White we had no real choice, and he took advantage of his opportunity and has now gained confidence and is making some big shots for us."

Also making some big shots and playing a great all around game for the Rams in the victory was junior center Derek Bent. Bent led the Rams with 15 points and also added 10 rebounds to continue his fine play as of late.

"We go to him a lot on the low post," Hodnett said. "He's a big, strong kid and he's got some good low post moves that can be very hard to stop. That also helps our younger kids get better looks. If Derek gets going early and knocks down some shots he starts to draw coverage and he can kick it out to those guys who are making their shots."

Senior forward Derek Bent of Wilmington pulled down seven rebounds to help the Rams cause.

"Derek is another pretty good low post player for us," Hodnett said. "He plays solid defense for us and gets some big rebounds."

The Rams wrapped up their season Wednesday night at non-league rival Wilmington with results not known as of presstime.

Big week for Rams on and off the ice

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech hockey team is winding down their regular season this week and preparing for what they hope will be another long post season run. The defending Division 3 North champions and state finalists seem to be well prepared to defend their title based on their efforts this past week where they earned a pair of impressive non-league victories.

The Rams downed Medway of the Tri-Valley League last Thursday at the Hallenborg Pavilion by a score of 6-2 and followed that up on Monday with a 4-1 win over Cape Ann League foe Pentucket Regional in the first round of the Newburyport Bank Classic.

The Rams were trying to secure a second straight Classic championship on Wednesday night against Saugus as the Town Crier went to press.

Regardless of the results of that game, the 16-2-1 Rams seem to be on a roll as they get ready for the tournament, having won nine games in a row after the two wins this week.

The Pentucket win on Monday was a dominant performance for the Rams as they out shot their opponents 27-12 for the game and raced to a 2-0 lead at the end of one period on the strength of a pair of goals 37 seconds apart by sophomore forward Tom Price.

The win and the dominance was especially impressive considering the Rams were missing two of their top three forwards, with senior captain Brett Fredrickson out with an ankle injury and sophomore forward Joe Sodergren out for two games due a hitting from behind penalty in the previous game against Medway.

Sophomore forward Mike DiGiorgio of Tewksbury had a pair of assists in the game to make up for the loss of his teammates.

"It was great to be able to

jump on top like that, especially with those guys out," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "We're fortunate with DiGiorgio that we can put him out there and he will always produce."

Baker hopes to have Fredrickson back for the state tournament and he knows that Sodergren will be back after his suspension, but he was not happy at all with the circumstances around his suspension.

"It was a very marginal call," Baker said. "Joe was going to hit the kid and he turned around. The officials were calling everything so tight in that game and then to call that against him was terrible. He really did nothing wrong, and now he has to feel bad about it even though he did nothing wrong."

Both of Price's goals against Pentucket came on the power play, and in the third period Kyle LeBlanc and Joe Crowley each scored to give the Rams all the insurance they would need. Junior goalie Ryan Maskell of Wilmington made 11 saves for the win.

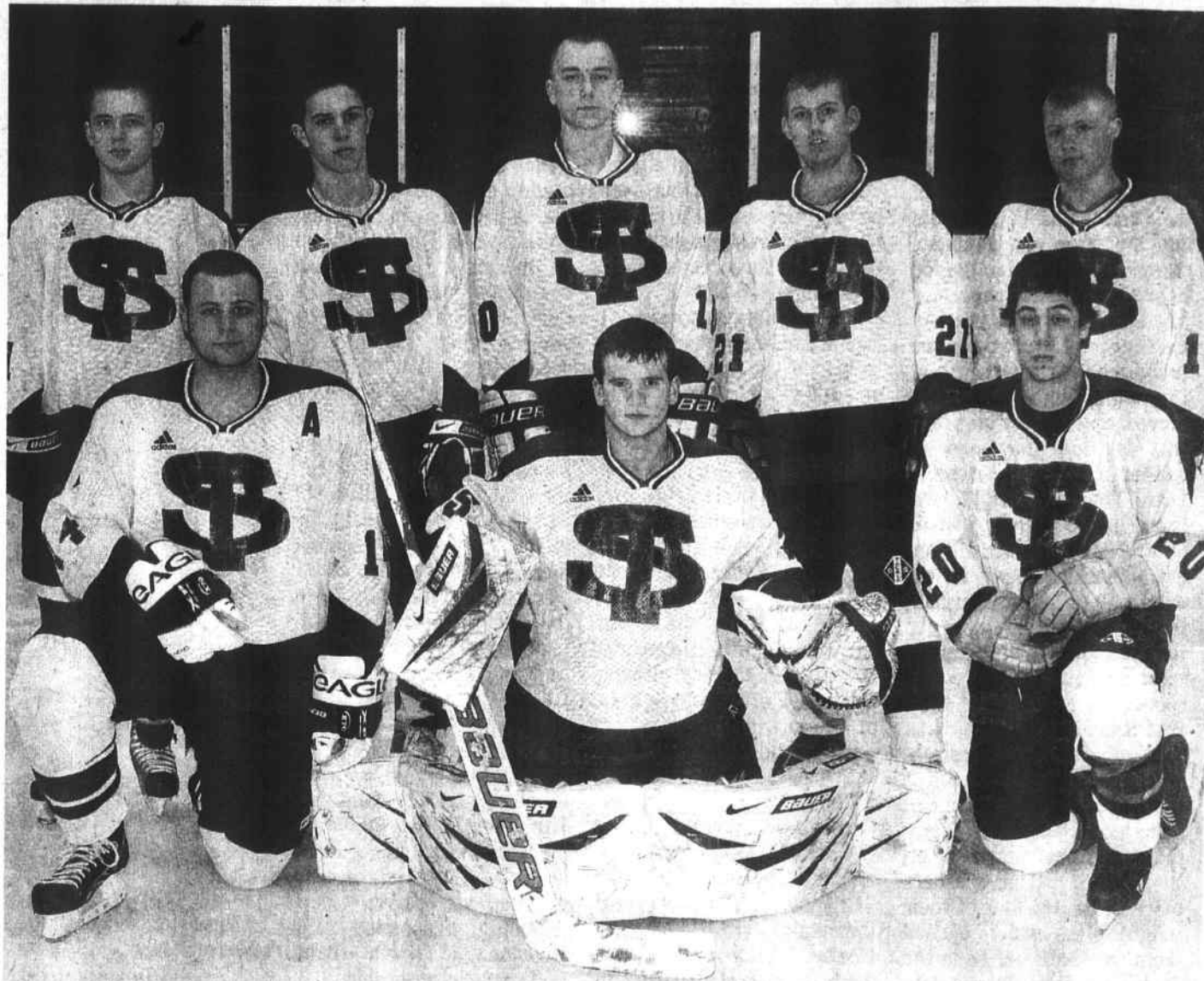
About the only thing to go wrong for the Rams in the Medway game last Thursday was the poor call against Sodergren as the Rams rolled to a 6-2 win. After spotting Medway a 2-0 first period lead Shawsheen got their offense rolling with DiGiorgio scoring two goals and two assists and senior defenseman Cody Wilkins of Wilmington also adding a pair of goals.

Sophomore forwards Joe Crowley and Cory Suprey each added a goal for the Rams.

In both games, the power play was clicking for Shawsheen, which Baker is hoping is a positive sign for the upcoming tournaments.

"It is starting to come together and if we keep that going it will cause a lot of trouble for our opponents in the tournament," Baker said.

After Wednesday's game against Saugus, the Rams will begin post season play with in the State Vocational



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team won another league team thanks to the help of locals players including: Wilmington residents in the front row from left, Cody Wilkins, Ryan Maskell and Jesse Rossetti; Back row from left are the Tewksbury residents Mike Wall, Mike DiGiorgio, Steve Simas, Mike Bowse and Joe Sodergren. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Championship game on Friday in Malden against CAC rival Northeast. The Rams are the two time defending vocational champs and they have defeated Northeast twice already this season.

"Beating a team for the third time in a season is always tough," Baker said. "But on the other hand it is a team we know we can beat and we just need to play our game and I think we will be all right."

After Friday's game the Rams will await their draw for the Division 3 North Sectional where they will likely be the number two or three seed depending on how they fare in

their final two games. Concord-Carlisle will be the number one seed, with their 17-0-2 record to this point, and Marblehead will get either the two or three seed along with the Rams.

The Rams are starting to gain some recognition for their great season. They are currently ranked 18th in the most recent Boston Globe Top 20. They are one of only two Division 3 team in the Top 20, with Concord-Carlisle occupying the number 20 spot.

"That's a huge thing for us," Baker said. "For us to be in the Top 20 at this point in the season is a very big honor for

our program."

Post season honors have already started to roll in for the Rams. CAC All-Stars were named recently and the Rams are very well represented with seven members of the team.

The Rams All-Stars are DiGiorgio, Fredrickson, Sodergren, Wilkins, Maskell, Jesse Rossetti of Wilmington and Anthony Leggeri.

The Rams also had three individual awards with Baker being named Coach of the Year, Rossetti winning the Seamstress Award as top defenseman in the league and sophomore DiGiorgio winning the league MVP.

JV Team

The Shawsheen Tech Rams JV Hockey team finishes up their season on a high note. The Rams finished the rest of the season with three losses to Lynnfield (1-0), Wilmington (7-2 and 8-2). The team also picked up wins over North Reading (2-0), Northeast (3-2) and Lynnfield (3-2), and ending in a 1-1 tie with Winchester.

The Rams worked hard and proved that they could pull it together. All in all a great season for the Rams. The Rams ended their season with a record of 10-4-2.

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Rams wrestling team takes sectionals with strong showing

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

LAWRENCE — The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team has already proven themselves this season time and time again to be one of the best teams in the state and that they can dominate many opponents from the top to bottom of their lineup.

And this past Saturday at the Division 1 North Sectional Individual Tournament at Lawrence High the Rams proved one more thing, and that is that they are as resilient as they are talented.

On Thursday night the Rams had seen their dreams of a Division 1 state team championship come to an end with a 48-18 loss to Franklin in the state semi-finals for their first loss of the season.

But on Saturday, the Rams showed no ill effects of their first loss after a 21-0 start as they rebounded impressively with a tremendous showing at the Individual Tournament.

The Rams had three champions and one runner up on the day, and had ten wrestlers place in the top four of their weight class which earned them automatic berths in the Division 1 State Tournament at Newton South High School this weekend.

The Rams also compiled the most team points of the tournament, earning 183 points to out distance second place Methuen by 13 points while Lawrence was third with 165 points.

Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan, who was named Division 1 North Coach of the Year, was very pleased with the way his team bounced back after their first loss.

"I was very happy with it," Donovan said. "To place in ten of the 14 weight classes, which we have never done before is a great thing. And even the kids who did not place did very well for us."

Indeed they did, as every Shawsheen wrestler won at least one match in his weight class.

Winning titles for the Rams were junior Ryan Cassidy at 145 pounds, undefeated senior captain Alex Najjar (189) and 36-1 senior captain Andrew Companschi of Wilmington

at 215. Junior Steve Higgins of Tewksbury was a runner up at heavyweight.

Donovan knew going in that his team, particularly Najjar and Companschi had a good chance to win titles, but even he was impressed with having four of his wrestlers make the finals and three come away with championships.

"That is unprecedented. I figured we had a good chance to have a very good day and we ended up having some kids wrestle very well," Donovan said. "Those ten kids who placed and especially those who won really came alive. They wanted to take that van ride to states and they wanted to compete and they did very well."

All three Rams champions earned their wins in the final by pin with Cassidy pinning Dan Walsh of St. John's Prep at 5:40 to win the title at 145 pounds, while Najjar took 189 with a pin of Paul Jackson of Andover in 2:21 and Companschi took down David Najm of Chelmsford in 3:43 at 215 pounds.

Higgins posted several impressive victories before finally falling to Terrence Jean-Jacques of Haverhill in the finals.

Earning third place finishes for the Rams were senior captain Brandon Spinosa (119) and junior Anthony Finn (135). Freshman Devonn Pratt (103), sophomore Jonathan Stearns (112), junior Jesse Dillon (160) and junior Anthony Pimentel (171) all earned fourth place finishes for the Rams.

With such a large contingent heading to states, the Rams have a very good chance of making another strong showing and Donovan is confident that his athletes will represent the school and the program very well.

"I think we can do very well," Donovan said. "We will not back down from anyone and we've got some kids with a chance to come out on top in their weight class. I am very proud of what they have done and I think they can still do more."

In Wednesday's loss to third seeded Franklin in the state semi-finals the second seeded

Rams lost to a powerful Panthers squad that had somehow lost four matches on the season heading into the post season (25-4).

That they lost any matches seemed pretty hard to imagine, as the defending Division 2 champions, who moved up to Division 1 this year, had completely dominated the Central team sectional by winning their matches by scores of 80-0, 51-16 and 68-5.

They were not as dominant against Shawsheen, as the Rams battled them very hard, but with their 48-18 win, they did show that they will be very tough to beat in the state finals against Springfield Central.

The Rams fell behind 21-0 in the early going before fighting back and picking up some impressive wins by Finn (135), Cassidy (152, pin), Najjar (189, pin) and Companschi (215, pin).

It was not enough, however, to overcome the Panthers. Still, Donovan was proud of his team's effort in the meet, as well as all they accomplished all season long, including capturing the Division 1 North Team Sectional championship.

"Franklin is the real deal. They are a very good team," Donovan said. "We had some good, close matches with them and they came out on top and they started to build some momentum. But I am proud of our kids. We said at the start of the year that we wanted to win the state title and we came very close. We won a sectional title and won 21 in a row before we lost. That's a very good season."

Donovan has also had a very good season. After being named CAC Coach of the Year a couple of weeks ago for the second year in a row, his selection as Division 1 North Coach of the Year was another great accolade for the 25th year coach who has earned more than 300 victories as coach of the Rams.

"It's an honor to be selected," Donovan said. "There are a lot of great coaches here in Division 1 North so for them to vote for me is a great honor."



Wilmington resident Meaghan Souza, has enjoyed a fun career with the Pingree School's Girls' Hockey team. (courtesy photo).

Wilmington resident member of Pingree Girls Hockey team Souza defends latest switch

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Meaghan Souza has been used to having success on the ice. The Wilmington native, a junior at the Pingree School in South Hamilton has played on several elite teams through the very successful Assabet Valley Girls Ice Hockey Program and had also earned several trips to USA Hockey national development camps.

There has been no denying her talent for quite some time, but her first two years at Pingree were difficult in terms of wins and losses for her and her teammates as they had suffered through two straight losing seasons, including last year's 2-14 campaign.

But this year things are different for Pingree, and Souza is a huge reason why. After establishing herself as a top defenseman both with Assabet Valley for several years as well as with Pingree during her sophomore year, she moved up to the center position at the request of her coach, Sarah Carpenter.

The move could not have worked out better for Souza or the Highlanders. Souza has adapted quickly to her new role and is leading the team in scoring with 16 goals and 10 assists, and even more importantly, she has led the Highlanders to a 7-8 overall record and 5-2 mark in the Eastern Independent League (EIL), putting the Highlanders in position to host a playoff game.

There is no doubt that this season has been a lot more fun than the past couple of years. Souza is enjoying being part of a winning team again.

"After coming from losing the past couple of years to winning this year has been great," Souza said. "We have a young team that struggled the past couple of years but things have gotten much easier since we have gotten some experience. We also have a freshman goalie this year who is doing a great job for us."

As for Souza's individual success, the switch from defense to center has produced a remarkable scoring touch. She credits her experience as a backliner with helping her be so successful up front.

"I grew up playing defense, but I had played forward my freshman year," said. "Playing center this year helps the team out more which is the most important thing. Since I had played defense it helps me because a lot of times I can predict what the defense is going to do because I have done it before."

Coach Sarah Carpenter had

seen the scoring potential in Souza even while she excelled on defense for Pingree and she has obviously been happy with the results.

"Meaghan was a little reluctant at first, but if you watch her in practice and see how she can pick the corners of

to continue her hockey career. It is choice she has not regretted

"I have gotten a lot of great experience playing hockey and also a lot great personal experiences that I will treasure for the rest of my life," Souza said.



WILMINGTON RESIDENT MEAGHAN SOUZA.

the goal, we knew we had some firepower there," Carpenter told the Salem News recently. "She's having a ton of fun scoring goals right now, and you can see that bleeding into the rest of the team."

One of the players who has benefited most from Souza's switch to forward has been her linemate Lili Sabatini, a wing who has produced numerous assists on Souza goals. Of course, as Souza tells it, is she who has benefited most from Sabatini.

"It's a whole lot of fun playing with her," Souza said. "She has all the assists on my goals. We can keep up with each other because we both have speed and we are always able to find each other on the ice."

Souza actually started her high school hockey career at Wilmington High as an eighth grader, as a teammate of her sister Kaitlyn who is a three sport athlete for the Wildcats. While Meaghan enjoyed playing with her sister and enjoyed her time with the Wildcats she made the tough choice to go to Pingree

Another thing that Souza has definitely not regretted has been her move to the forward position. Particularly if it leads to a home playoff game for the Highlanders, the move will have been well worth it.

Pingree needs to finish in one of the top two spots in the EIL in order to secure that home playoff game and if they win their final four games they will clinch that spot. They will be in the playoffs regardless, but hosting a game after the past couple of years would be huge accomplishment.

"We are hoping for a home game. We would just love to do that," Souza said. "We would also love the opportunity to go to the finals and face our rivals from Berwick. We have played them twice and the last time we played them we lost in overtime so we would love to get another chance."

Companschi takes 215-pound title

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

LAWRENCE — Heading into the Division 1 North Sectional Individual Wrestling Tournament on Saturday at Lawrence High, expectations were high for Shawsheen Tech senior captain Andrew Companschi.

The Wilmington native, who has posted a 36-1 record on the season was seeded first in his weight class of 215 pounds, and anything less than a championship would likely have been considered a disappointment to all, including Companschi himself.

But Companschi had no intention of letting himself or anyone else down on this day, and he certainly did not, as he rolled to a championship, winning three matches on the day, including the final by pin over David Najm of Chelmsford in a time of 3:40.

For Companschi the victory was a culmination of a season's (and career's) worth of dedication to improving and turning himself into the best wrestler he could be. He knew going into the meet that he was expected to win and he expected nothing less of himself.

"I was just glad that all of my hard work had paid off. It's kind of a reward for everything I have worked on all season," Companschi said. "I felt like I had a pretty good chance to win. I was seeded first because I had already beaten everyone in my weight class. There was a good amount of pressure, but once I won, it was all worth it."

Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan was obviously happy with the results from his senior captain, and he also noted the hard work that has brought Companschi to this point in his career.



"Andrew is one of our best leaders on the team and he is one of the hardest workers in the room," Donovan said. "He is not full of talent, but he gets the most out of his talent and he does what it takes to win."

Companschi was proud to be an individual champion, but he was even more proud to be part of a Rams team that finished first in the tournament with 183 points. This effort came on the heels of winning the Division 1 Sectional Team Tournament last weekend, as well as dropping the team's first match of the season just two days earlier, on Thursday against Franklin in the Division 1 state semi-finals.

Companschi acknowledged that bouncing back from the Franklin defeat was difficult, but he also says that he and his teammates were determined to do just that. The Rams definitely bounced back well, with ten wrestlers placing in the top four of their weight classes, and qualifying for the Division 1 state tournament.

"It was kind of tough. That night (Thursday) was pretty upsetting, but the coaches told us the season was not over yet," Companschi said. "It was hard to lose for the first time, but after that we wanted to show just how good

we really are so it was great to have so many of us do so well in the tournament."

Heading into his finals match with Najm, Companschi was confident he could get the win, but he also knew that Najm was a dangerous opponent who was capable of stealing away the victory and the sectional title.

"I had wrestled him before and pinned him so I knew I could win, but I also knew that he can catch people and pin them," Companschi said. "He actually had me on my back at one point and I had to recover from that. I was able to turn him around and get the pin."

Up next for Companschi is the Division 1 Individual State Tournament at Newton North High School this weekend where he will once again be one of the top seeds. Companschi is not intimidated by the expectations. In fact, he is looking forward to proving himself.

"I don't want to sound cocky or anything, but I expect to win it," Companschi said. "I work hard in practice and go to the gym every day after practice and I have a great gym partner in Alex Najjar who pushes me to get better. I trust the skills that I have and I feel like I can get first place."

Donovan is equally confident that Companschi can bring home another title.

"He's an old fashioned, hard working kid," Donovan said. "He set a goal for himself that he wants to be a state champ and now he is going to go out and get it. I feel like he can do it. He has worked hard all year to get to this point."

Jannelle heading to UNH on scholarship Minichiello sisters flipping with gymnastics success

By BECCA QUIGLEY
Sports Correspondent

If you are searching for the definition of "dedication," look no further than Jannelle and Brittany Minichiello, two sisters who have devoted themselves to gymnastics for most of their lives.

Jannelle is currently a senior at Tewksbury Memorial High School, and though she is not involved in any of the school's clubs or activities like several other students, she has accomplished far more than the majority of kids her age.

Instead, she and Brittany are working hard at Brestyan's Gymnastics in Burlington, MA, for an average four hours a day, six days a week. Jannelle's work ethic has recently earned her a significant reward: a full athletic scholarship to the University of New Hampshire.

Jannelle and Brittany's daily workouts, which total 23 hours per week, include one hour of conditioning and flexibility training and three hours of practicing the vault, bars, balance beam, and floor routine. The sisters train in a group with other girls who are of the same ability.

"Our schedule gets tiring, but I don't get sick of it," said Jannelle. "Everything also comes easier once you learn the basics, so there are not any problems I've encountered recently. Once you know the basics, then you understand how to do everything."

Beginning gymnastics at the young age of one and a half, Jannelle has already achieved the rank of a Level Ten gymnast and has been entering competitions since she was five years old. She has earned numerous first-place awards along with being a Level Ten National qualifier for four years. Only

the top seven gymnasts in each age category from the region are invited to Nationals every year.

"Jannelle's strengths consist of her desire and hard work," said Mihai Brestyan, Jannelle's and Brittany's coach since 2005. "She is a very strong competitor on the balance beam and floor exercise."

"However, her area of improvement would be to not be such a perfectionist."

Brittany, a sophomore, at TMHS, began gymnastics at two and a half. She is also level ten and has been a Level Nine Eastern Qualifier in the past.

"Brittany is also very determined and hardworking," said Brestyan. "She is very good at floor exercise and vaulting. Her area of improvement is to never give up."

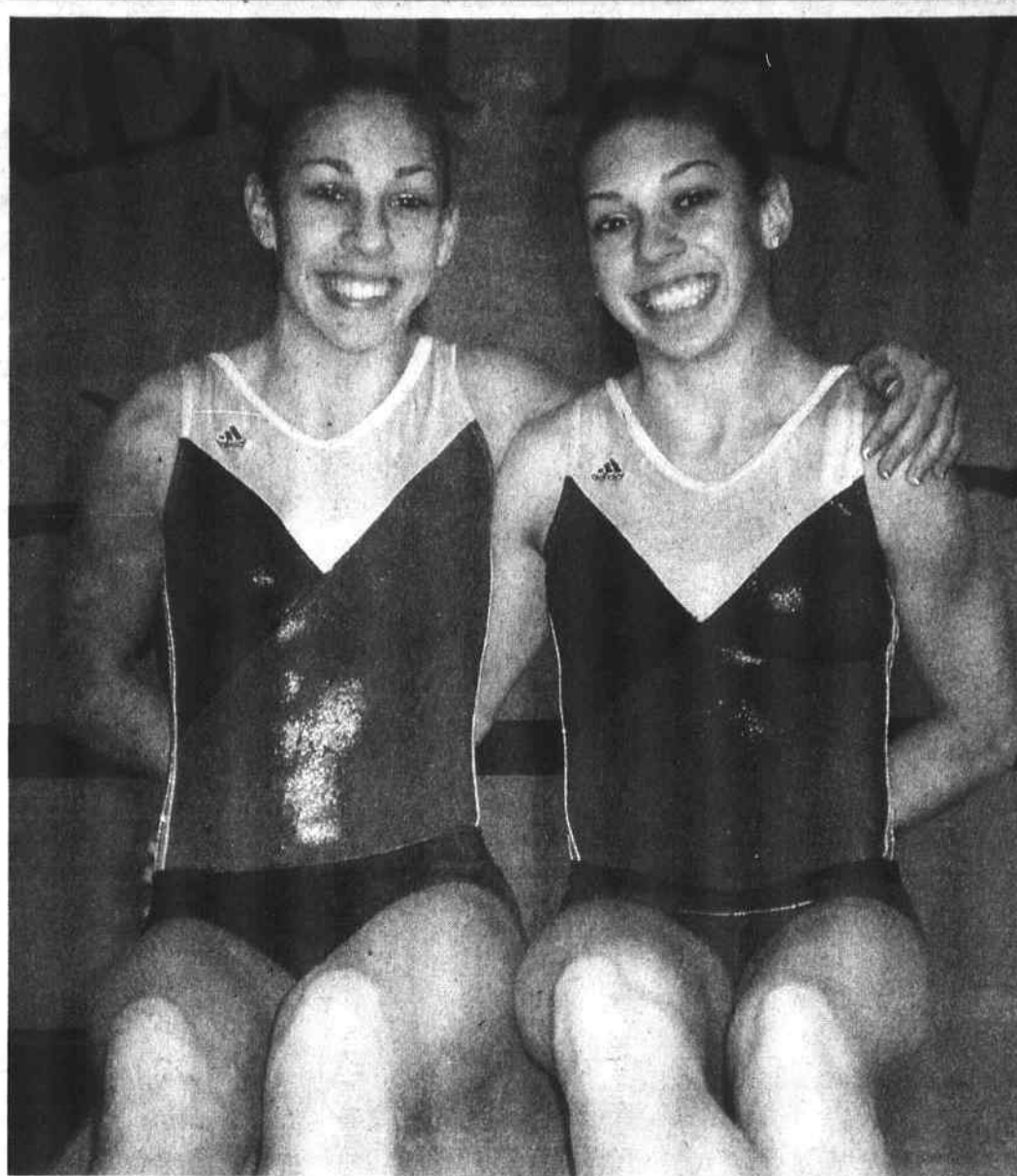
Jannelle and Brittany will be competing in six meets this year with their team. They recently participated in their Brestyan's Invitational, which took place on January 16th at Tufts University.

At the competition, Jannelle placed fifth on the vault, fifth on the bars, fifth on balance beam, and third on the floor routine; finishing fourth overall in the age category. In her age division, Brittany achieved fifth place on vault, seventh on bars, ninth on balance beam, and seventh on floor, giving her a seventh place overall.

"This year, my goal would be for both of them to make it to Level 10 Nationals," said Brestyan. "This is Jannelle's last year in USAG (USA Gymnastics) and it would be good to see her make it again."

"For Brittany, it would be great to see her be a National Qualifier for the next couple years as well."

Since the beginning of Jannelle's gymnastics



The Minichiello sisters of Tewksbury, junior Brittany, left, and Jannelle, right, have been competing in gymnastics all of their lives. Jannelle is at Level 10 and has received a full athletic scholarship to continue her career at UNH. (courtesy photo).

career, her dreams have taken a drastic turn. After receiving a full scholarship to attend the UNH next year, she looks forward to studying either psychology or business as well as competing in gymnastics on the college level. With a higher concern for her education, she abandoned her previous goal: to make it to the Olympics.

"Going to the Olympics used to be my dream, but it's difficult and a lot of work," she said. "I like having fun with gymnastics, but also want to focus on college."

It is apparent that the extra hours the Minichiello sisters are able to spend together through practice have created a special bond between

them, causing Brittany to aspire following in her older sister's footsteps. She plans on attending college to study forensic science.

"My goal is to get a full scholarship to UNH so I can go to school with Jannelle," said Brittany.

Although young, the

Minichiello sisters' futures are bright, and their dedication, goal-setting, and competitive edge in gymnastics are likely to carry over into their education and higher levels of gymnastics in the years to come.

5K Road Race to honor McCarthy, March 21

The first 5K Road Race held in honor of Meghan McCarthy, the Tewksbury teenager who passed away last month, will be held on Sunday, March 21st at Tewksbury Memorial High School with check-in beginning at 8:30 am, and the race starting at 10:00 am.

This race is open to all walkers and runners, of all ages, genders and abilities. Prizes will be awarded to each gender/age group, and there will also be raffles for all entrants. Refreshments will be available for all entrants and t-shirts will be provided for the first 100 entrants.

The entrance fee is \$15 if you register before the day of the race and \$20 the day of the race. You may make checks payable to: PMC Flying Henrys, send to: Sarah Bowden at 217 Cabot Road, Tewksbury, MA, 01876.

To fill out a race form, or if you have any questions, send an email to: mmm.5k_race@yahoo.com.

All of the proceeds from the race will support the Flying Henrys of the Pan Mass Challenge, the organization Meghan McCarthy was heavily involved with throughout her sickness.

Youth Hoop to host Trivia Night, Feb. 25

The Tewksbury Girls Basketball League is holding a Trivia Night Fundraiser on Feb. 25th at the Tewksbury Country Club from 7 to 11 pm. Tickets are \$20/person or \$200/table. Challenge your friends and join us for some "Fun in the Sun" while testing

your knowledge and getting away from the dreary winter for awhile. Points will be awarded for the best summer themed attire and table decorations. Door prizes and first place prizes will be awarded.

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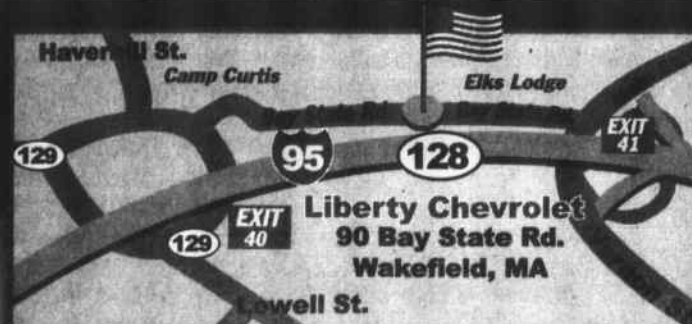


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Big 10 - Boys Grade 3
Penn St. 14, Indiana 12

For the little guys, leading the way was Noah Ferrer with 6 points. Helping out Noah was Joey Dumoulin with 4 points as well as the Hamel brothers, Cameron and Jordan, scoring two points a piece. Leading the way for Indiana was Jason Marquard with 4 points. Also adding to the scoring mix was Michael Fothergill, Matthew Morganelli, Dillon McCarthy, and Michael Smolinsky adding in 2 points a piece.

Wisconsin 20, Minnesota 19

In what was probably the best game of the year, the Badgers came out on top. Leading the way for the victors was Sam Wilson with a game high of 12 points. Also helping out Sam was Alan Morris with 4 points, as well as Frankie Irizarry and Michael Fiorenza with 2 points a piece.

As for the Golden Gophers, Shane Ahlin did the damage with 6 points. Also scoring was Andrew Mangano and Eric Nesline each with 4 points. Not to be left off of the scoring chart was Samuel DeAngelis with 3 points and Nicholas Leighton with 2 points.

Ohio St. 16, Iowa 14

Doing damage for the Buckeyes was Jerry Brazile who led the game by scoring 10 points. Helping out Jerry was Christopher Stokes with 6 points. Leading the way for the Hawkeyes was Aaron Soto with 6 points.

Helping out Aaron was Kyle Kenyon with 4 points. Two players also dropped in 2 points each and they were Tyler Thomas and Matthew Thomas.

Purdue 18, Michigan 2

Right from the get go the Boilermakers were in an offensive groove. Leading the way for Purdue was Ryan Butler and Christopher Walsh with 6 points each. Also scoring was Samuel Vince with 4 points and Stephen Anthony with a basket. On the other side for Wolverines, Joshua Crampton posted the team's two points.

Big East -

Boys Grades 4&5

Louisville 21, Rutgers 18

This exciting match up bounced back and forth throughout the game, and came down to the final minutes of the contest, before the Louisville Cardinals were ultimately able to prevail. Michael Stanford led the Cardinal scoring effort with 8 points, and Billy McEvoy backed him up with 5 points. Colin Stanford contributed with 3 points, and Matthew Spinos and Alec Masiello chipped in with 2 points each. James Sheehan rounded out the Louisville attack with a solid free throw. Brendan Pierce and Anthony Dell Anno also contributed with great games on both ends of the court for the Cardinals. Rutgers was led by Edmond DeAngelis, who had an all around solid effort and finished the day with 8 points. Connor Griffin also played well, and finished with 4 points of his own.

The Cardinals also received 2 point contributions from Jack Boyle, Jason Vallee, and Matthew Rideout. Jackson Smith led the Scarlet Knights on defense, and Anthony Celata also worked hard for Rutgers.

West Virginia 22,
St. John's 7

West Virginia continued on their win streak, and cruised to a solid victory over a skilled St. John's squad. The Mountaineers had six players contribute to the scoring column, but ultimately won with a tremendous team effort. Nicholas Haddad led the scoring charge with 6 points and a couple of nice rebounds for the Mountaineers. Connor Mackenzie, Christopher



The Wilmington Recreational Basketball League held its games over the weekend. Above, from left to right Morgan Casey, Marissa DeLucia, Meghan Canale, Caroline Andersen, Isabella Granara, Alison Sullivan, Kayley Keogan, Olivia Cigna and Montserrat Turriza all participate in a game at the North Intermediate. And below, twin brothers Tyler and Matthew Thomas battle for a ball for Team Iowa in the Grade 3 Boys play. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com)



Grecco, and Jason Spizuoco all contributed 4 points.

Rounding out the West Virginia score sheets were Brandon O'Donoghue and Matthew Morrison with a basket each. St. John's received 3 points from Joshua Buske and an additional 2 points apiece from Aditya Gautham and Jared Maynard. Also playing well for St. John's was Nolan Kane and Kyle Penney.

Providence 36, Syracuse 14
The Providence Friars came out on fire from the start of the game, and never stopped to look back, as they cruised to a hard fought victory over a scrappy Syracuse team. Providence showed great ball movement in their attack and had six players score on the day. Matthew Hansen and Jack Sweeney scored 8 points apiece to lead the Friar charge. Joshua Bartnicki and Matthew Amentola followed them up with 6 points apiece. Alex Fisher and Justin Eckstrom threw in 4 points each to finish the Providence attack. Thomas Hogan also contributed with a solid defensive game for Providence. Syracuse was led by a speedy Joseph Rebeiro, who finished the day with multiple steals and converted for a total of 11 points. Kevin Fothergill added 2 points, and Scott Burke added 1 for the Orangemen. Zachary Ahlin and Cameron Albert also had strong games on both ends of the court for Syracuse.

DePaul 24, Pittsburgh 10
DePaul has also strung together an impressive season, and managed to pull out

yet another victory against a tough Pittsburgh team. DePaul was led by Ryan Aldrich and David Woods, who scored 8 points each to lead the offensive stance. Jonathan Simmons was also strong, and finished the game with 6 points. Scott Edwards Jr. rounded off the Blue Demon scoring with 2 points.

Also playing well for the winning team were Niko Barone and Michael Chrisemer. The Pittsburgh Panthers were led by Tommy Worob, who scraped his way through the defense to finish with 4 points. Kyle Ritson and Tyler Roberts backed him up with 3 points each for the Panthers. Harley Monteiro played tough on the defensive end, and James Ryan also played well for Pittsburgh.

Marquette 21,
Georgetown 13
The Marquette Golden Eagles' relied on their shut down approach on defense to soar to victory over a skilled Georgetown gang. In an attack that featured 6 different scorers, Benjamin Maynard was the leader of the attack with 8 points. Michael DuCharme followed him up with 4 points, and Michael Daley pitched in with 3 points. Also scoring for Marquette was David Bailey and Scott Falzano with 2 points each. Dylan Bresnahan added an additional basket for the Golden Eagles, in addition to grabbing several rebounds for his team.

Despite giving it their best effort, Georgetown struggled to convert on their offensive end, and came up just short

of victory. The Hoyas were led by Sean Hardy with 6 points, and Kellan Hardy with 3 points. Kevin Mallinson and Matthew Anthony also played well, and scored 2 points each. Patrick Carroll played solid defense, and Nick Santos grabbed several steals for Georgetown.

Cincinnati 31,
Notre Dame 17

The Cincinnati Bearcats have been on a roll of their own, and did not hesitate upon meeting a talented Notre Dame team. The Bearcats relied on their sharpshooting and solid offensive rebounding to lead them into victory. Justin Trevisani was on fire for Cincinnati and finished the day with 11 solid points. Samuel Jennings also made the most of his effort, and scored 9 points for the Bearcats.

Also scoring was Sean Braz and Jake Ponte with 4 points each. Richard Ellen chipped in with 2 points, as did Cristian Beltran and Chancellor Harper. Anthony Ferrera rounded off the Bearcat attack with a free throw. Notre Dame was led by Andrew Almeida with 11 points, and Matthew Blair with 4 points. Kyle Felisberto cut in with a basket of his own. Thomas Downs and Jacob Perkins also played well for the Fighting Irish.

U Conn 30, Villanova 18

The Connecticut Huskies came ready to play and fought to a solid victory over the Villanova Wildcats. The Huskies were led by the shooting performances of Nithish Kalpat and Matthew

Kahlman with 8 points each. Lorenzo DiMambro, Noah Evans, and Jared Aucoin were also strong for UConn, and each contributed 4 points. Ben Pastore finished the scoring with 2 points. Brendan Daly also had a strong all around performance for the Huskies.

Villanova was led by Alec Bonaccorsi with 8 points, and Andrew Pearson with 4 points. Tyler Hamilton, Camden Connor, and Jordan Briere all scored 2 points each for the Wildcats. Sean Lynch also had a strong all around game for Villanova.

Conference USA -

Boys Grades 6&7

UAB 24, Houston 9

Leading the way for UAB was Kevin Cummings with 16 points. Helping out Kevin was Lucas Garrity with 9 points and Dylan Masiello with 8 points. Also adding to the scoring punch was Edward Gear with 4 points, Zachary Toto with 2 points and Patrick Dunfey also scoring 2 points. Houston was lead by Thomas Prior with 4 points. Daniel Carney and Eric Berube each scored 2 points. Throwing in a free throw was Michael DeMarco.

Rice 20, UTEP 10

Doing damage for the Owls from Rice was Colin Kennedy and Liam Bennett both with 8 points.

Also helping out Colin and Liam was Jake Girardi with 2 points as well as Dante Marcoccio with 2 points. Leading the way for UTEP were Jacob Tague and Peter Amato both with 3 points. Not to be left out of the scoring party was Adam Surette and

Zachary Thomas, both with 2 points.

E. Carolina 45,
Marshall 38

This game was not short on the offensive end as baskets came easy. Leading the way for E. Carolina was Kurtis O'Byrne with 20 points. Helping out O'Byrne was Liam Reynolds with 12 points. Also adding to snap to the scoring punch was Kyle Callahan with 7 points and Andrew Lesperance with 6 points. On the other side of the ball, the Thundering Herd was lead by Antonio Larffarello with 13 points including three 3's in the second half.

Helping out Antonio was Brian Neal with 8 points and Zach Rourke with 7 points. Not to be left out were Brendan McCarthy who scored 4 points, as well as Louis Larffarello with 2 points. Michael Murphy and Sean Lowney both posted two points.

Tulane 31, Tulsa 19

Leading the way for Tulane was Rob Fullerton with 17 points including 9 points in the second half. Also scoring was Mark DeRosa with 9 points and Michael Shedd with 6 points. Throwing in a few points here and there was Craig Venezia and Thomas Simmons with 3 points a piece, as well as Jake Kelly with 2 points.

For Tulsa, doing the damage was Austin Ferreira with 11 points. Helping out Austin were three different players scoring two points. Those

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three players were Brad Fisher, Alex Hiltz, and Steven McInnis each scoring 2 points.

Memphis 32, SMU 23

Doing damage for Memphis was Brad Rohleder with 20 points. Throwing in some points for Memphis was Marlon Felisberto with 4 points, with Ian Palmer and Kevin Goncalves each adding 3 points. Dimitri Audette also added in 2 points.

On the other side for SMU doing damage was Billy Dorion with 6 points as well as Nicholas Trevisone, Nick Poli, and Joseph Visalli each scoring 4 points. Also netting baskets were Cole Walsh and Zachary Leighton with 2 points each. Scoring a free throw in the first half was Jon Roberts.

Central Florida 25, Southern Miss 24

Doing serious damage for Central Florida was Ryan Kinsella with 19 points. Helping out Ryan was Brian Corrigan with 4 points and Eamon Kilbride with 2 points. On the other side of the ball, Southern Miss was led by Michael Amato with 13 points and Nicholas Cimaglia with 6 points. Also scoring points were Michael Russo with 4 points, and Samuel Messina with a free throw.

NBA - Boys Grades 8-10 Heat 37, Lakers 32

Matthew Costello was the fire behind the Heat this week. Costello scored an astounding 29 of 37 points; 22 of which came from the floor. Colin Chase and Daniel Lee each scored 4 to complete the offense for the Heat. The duo of Matthew Pickett and Ryan McCarthy led the way for the Lakers as the two finished in double digits. Pickett threw in 15, while McCarthy dropped 10.

Brandon Wong added 6 more Laker points and Connor Townsend scored 2. Tyler Peters and Brian

Nazzarro both had great games for their teams.

Nuggets 39, Wizards 27

The Nuggets avenged their loss last week to walk away with a great win this week. Jimmy Welch led all scorers with 17 points. He scored all his points from the floor. Michael Colton added another 7, while Adam Coccoluto and Austin O'Neal each chipped in with 4. Jeff Hill, Alex Neville, and Brian Colton combined for the final 7 points - scoring 3, 2, and 2 points respectively.

For the Wizards, Sean Berube and Jacob Pumphret led the way with 8 and 7 points respectively. David Caira threw in another 6 and Daniel Fothergill chipped in with 4. Matthew Ruff rounded out the scoring with 2 points of his own.

Bulls 33, Hornets 31

The Bulls and Hornets played a great game with both teams putting up quite a fight. At different points in the game, each team had the lead. The Bulls were led by the trio of Matt Chiricosta with 9 points, Arthur Papastathis with 8 points, and Andrew Sutton with another 8 points of his own. Zachary Shepard contributed 4 points, while Brian Goncalves and Anthony Bellino each scored 2.

The Hornets never gave up as they just barely were edged by the Bulls. Much like the Bulls, the Hornets had their own trio of 9, 8, and 8 points. Shamus Gibbons finished with 9, Ryan Kennedy added 8, and Will McNamara threw in another 8. Ryan Cocca and Zack Tingdahl combined for the final 6 scoring 4 and 2 points respectively.

Grizzlies 51, Nets 30

The Grizzlies' offense was on fire this week as they had two players finish in double figures. David Arria had a great day as he finished with



Several members of the two of the seventh grade basketball teams chase after a loose ball during this weekend's Wilmington Recreational basketball League games. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

24 points. Twenty three of his 24 points came from the floor - including a three pointer. His teammate, Troy Homola, also showed off his scoring ability as he finished with 19 points on the day. Timothy Masiello, Michael Mann, and Gino Lena all made solid contribution to the five-person roster this week as they scored 4, 2, and 2 points respectively.

The Nets' played hard for an entire forty minutes, but were unable to overcome the Grizzlies offense. Ryan Natale led the team with 17 points. Craig Smith finished with another 6, while Ben Wilson added 3 more. William Simmons and EJ Boggia rounded out the scoring with a deuce each.

Atlantic 10 -

Girls Grades 3&4

Temple 17, Xavier 7

Temple seems to have a lot in common with the 2007 New England Patriots - Temple

has yet to lose a game this season. This week, Temple's offensive attack was led by Isabella Granara with 6 pts, Erica Natola had 5 pts including a beautiful 3 pointer, Alison Sullivan scored 4 pts and Marissa DeLucia added 2 pts.

Julia McLaughlin and Julie D'Augusta both played great defense for Temple. Xavier never backed down, led by Stephanie Burns with 6 pts and Logan McDonald netted 1 pt. Kayla Blonigen, Julia Galvin and Alexa Williams all played good defense for Xavier.

George Washington 18, Rhode Island 5

George Washington played solid on both ends of the floor. They were led by Krista Brown with 8 pts, Emily Hayden scored 4 pts, Christine John netted 2 pts, Kendra Prezioso had 2 pts and Emma Surette added 2 pts. Jessica D'Entremont

and Alexandra Pitzzi both played great defense for George Washington.

Rhode Island never gave up led by Morgan Casey with 3 pts and Kayley Keogan scored 1 pt. Sara Babcock, Meghan Canale and Taryn Suprenant all played good defense for Rhode Island.

Fordham 16, Dayton 11

Fordham had a great offensive game plan, and it was get the ball to Fariha Hague. Fariha ended up with 10 pts, while Morgan Bresnahan added 6 pts. Emily Wright, Amanda LaFauci and Taryn King all played hard on defense for Fordham.

Dayton's offensive arsenal was led by Dana Goulet with 4 pts, Megan Thomas scored 4 pts, and Ryan Bailey had 1 pt. Samantha Fusco, Isabella Lamothe and Arianna Bernardo all played pretty good defense for Dayton.

St. Joes 15, Duquesne 14

St. Joes squeaked by

Duquesne by 1 pt. They were led by Vanessa VanDeMark with 8 pts, Jade Brennan scored 5 pts and Abby Genthner added 2 pts. Alana Colantuoni, Kiki Barnum, Kaitlyn Carter and Meghan Abby all played outstanding defense for St. Joes.

Duquesne fought hard all game and almost pulled out the victory. They were led by Katelyn Ardito with 6 pts.; Kaitlin Cummings added 4 pts, Jacqueline Broderick had 2 pts and Gianna Brunetto poured in 2 pts. Jacqueline Champoux, Kendra Swift, Meagan Pennie and Alana Burns all played good defense for Duquesne.

LaSalle 20, Richmond 14

LaSalle was on fire all game, led by a great offensive showing by Olivia Carpenito with 10 pts, Madeline Courtney added 6 pts, Hayley Johnson scored 2 pts and

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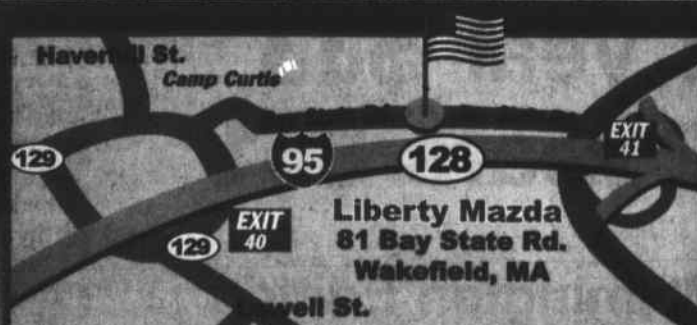
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North Carolina tops Maryland in hard fought game

FROM PAGE SP11W

Shannon O'Grady netted 2 pts. Lindsey Amazeen, Victoria Sheehan, and Emily Gear all played solid defense for LaSalle.

Richmond's offensive game plan was carried out by Zoe Marzi with 6 pts, Jillian Cosman-Cyrus had 4 pts, Kristen Olsen scored 2 pts and Macy Doucette added 2 pts. Jessica Moore, Emma Garrity, Jennifer Tague and Lian Leduc all hustled all over the court on defense for Richmond.

Atlantic Coast - Girls Grades 5&6 North Carolina 22, Maryland 12

Kayla Koster (8 points), Melissa McNamara (6 points) and Sarah Klucznik (6 points) took charge of the offense and led their team to a win over perennial power Maryland on Saturday. Allison Daniliuk played well offensively and scored a basket in the first half. Jessica Backman had some nice steals and was an integral part of the defensive efforts of North Carolina.

Spectacular outside shooting by Maryland's Meghan Rodenhiser gave her a team-high 6 points in this contest. Contributing points on Maryland's behalf were Isabella Cigna (4 points) and Kayla Martin (2 points). Holly Doyle, Melody Almeida and Katelyn Stevens played tight defense on North Carolina's guards making them work for every basket.

Georgia Tech 26, Virginia Tech 12

Scoring many of her baskets from steals and fast breaks, Georgia Tech's Hailey Liston (15 points) led her team to victory over Virginia Tech Saturday.

Supporting Liston's scoring efforts were Erica Pudvelis with 10 points, Emily Rakers with 4 points and Jade Sanzone with 2 points. Sophie Consorti scored 2 points and played well on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Siobhan Reidy and Nicole Mallinson did an excellent job of shutting down

the passing lanes on defense to stall Virginia Tech's offense.

Once again, Sonia Purohit led Virginia Tech's offense with 6 points, all on inside moves near the basket. Ruju Trivedi had 4 points and Sydney Brennan, returning to the team after being sidelined with an injury for weeks, chipped in a basket to round out the scoring. Rachel Gullotto and Brianna O'Donoghue scrambled for loose balls and hustled on defense right to the final buzzer.

Clemson 22, Wake Forest 20

Clemson and Wake Forest were tied with 2 seconds left and looked like they were headed to overtime when Katelyn Fisher (8 points) was fouled driving to the basket. Fisher made both free throws and Clemson edged Wake Forest by 2 points. Morgan Walsh (6 points) and Liz Freitas (6 points) helped on the offensive end while Kristin Brown (2 points) and Erin Riel held down the defensive side of the court for Clemson.

Arianna Scoppettuolo supported the offense with pinpoint passing and relentless defense.

In a valiant offensive effort, Katelyn Musto poured in 8 points to help keep this game close until the final seconds. Offensive production was also received from Samantha Rideout (4 points), Christina Natola (4 points) and Chloe LeBlanc (2 points).

Excellent rebounding on the defensive boards by Julia Gaffey and Allison Wadland (2 points) limited Clemson's second shot opportunities. Sofia Puccio and Nicole Barry both had great defensive games for their team.

Virginia 34, Duke 29

Marisa Butler and Samantha DeMonico combined for 24 points to help Virginia win over Duke Saturday. Butler (14 points) and DeMonico (10 points) received scoring help from Shannon Mota (6 points), and Katie Blair (4 points). The

impact of Katie Colombo's defense on Duke's offense was noticeable by all in attendance.

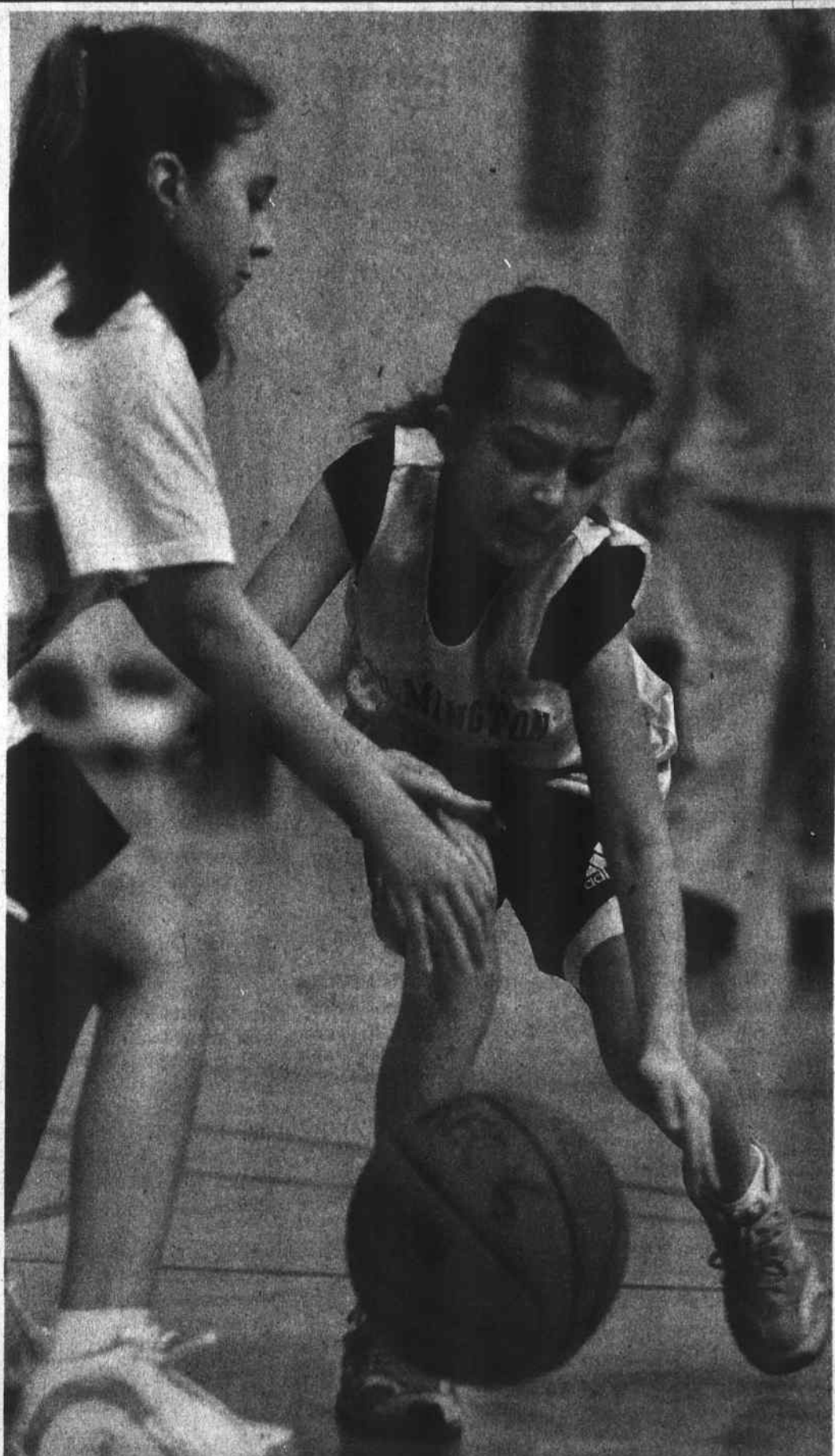
Lily Keating converted four mid range jump shots off the backboard for 8 points, and Erin Miasserian scored 8 points to lead Duke's offense. Melissa Moreira (6 points) and Marci Zaccardi (2 points) completely controlled the offensive and defensive boards with their rebounding skills.

The defense played by Elisabeth Olson turned out to be a real obstacle for Virginia's offense. Mary Lesperance (3 points) and Helena Walker's (2 points) contributions at the point guard position and on defense were indispensable to their team.

Miami 14, Florida State 6 Sharpshooter Courtney Murphy (6 points) led the scoring for Miami with Samantha Pitz (4 points) close behind as their team went on to win in Atlantic Coast League play Saturday. Emily Loud and Montana Howlett combined for the remaining 4 points, with 2 points each. Kyra Walsh and Emily O'Keefe had some strong rebounds and played flawless defense. Tayla O'Neal and Julia Gake distributed the ball well on offense and played tough defense on Florida State's guards.

Despite an off day on offense, Florida State showed its character by maintaining their composure and playing hard until the end of the game. Olivia Hill scored 5 points to lead Florida State. Christina Spinos added 2 points and played an all around great game. Tori Bruce drove strong to the basket and shot two free throws as a result. Hannah Burns and Kate Fitzpatrick worked tirelessly on defense to keep Wake Forest on their toes. Arianna Schuurman and Samantha Martignetti hustled on defense the entire game.

WNBA - Girls Grades 7-10



Sara Babcock and Kayley Keogan battle for a loose ball during Saturday afternoon's Wilmington Recreational Basketball League's games held at the North Intermediate School. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Mystics 45, Sparks 31

The Mystics and Sparks played in a high scoring game this week as the Mystics were able to bounce back from last week's loss. Hannah Reynolds led the attack with 21 points. Her teammates

Katelyn Richardson added another 10, and Kristen Luise and Kelsey Finn both contributed 6. Nearly every present member of the Sparks contributed to the scoring with Taylor Howlett scoring 8 points. Jessica Hogan and

Jana Cosman-Cyrus followed close with 6 points apiece.

Five Sparks scored 2 points - Veronica Reidy, Rael Gallucci, Shana Butler, Janelle Heenan, and

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THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

BRISTOL
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DOCKET NO.
BR10P0247PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of:
Alice K. Boning

Of: Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex formerly of Taunton in the County of Bristol

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72, that the Third through Tenth account(s) of James E. Feld of Woburn, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have a right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 03/19/2010. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. 5. You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Elizabeth O'Neill LaStaiti, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 11, 2010
Gina L. DeRossi
Register of Probate
05552352 2/17/10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Thomas Bohnerty and Lynne A. Doherty to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated September 13, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19259, Page 184, of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RAMP 2005EFC6 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 30 Apache Way, Unit No. 30, Indian Ridge Condominium, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The unit known as Unit No. 30, of Phase I of the Indian Ridge Condominium, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, a condominium established pursuant to General Laws Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated May 8, 1983, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 2609, Page 60. The Unit is shown on floor plans of the building recorded with said Registry, Plan Book 140, Plan 106, a portion of which is attached to the Unit Deed at Book 2647, Page 313. The post office address of the Unit is 30 Apache Way, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Together with an appurtenant .348% undivided interest in Common Areas and Facilities of the condominium and the exclusive right and

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX
SS DIVISION
DOCKET NO.
MI0P0517GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c 190B, §5-304

In the matter of:
Mark Fula
RESPONDENT
Alleged
Incapacitated Person
Of: Tewksbury, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Mark Fula is in need of a Guardian and requesting that David M. Blumenthal of Chestnut Hill, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 4/16/2010. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, Esquire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 5, 2010
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
05552320 2/17/10

to use certain Common Areas and Facilities as set forth in the Master Deed. Also together with appurtenant membership in the Indian Ridge Condominium Association, as set forth in the Master Deed.

The premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of an easement granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company recorded in said Registry, Book 2573, Page 204 and an easement to the Massachusetts Electric Company recorded in said Registry, Book 2576, Page 501.

The premises are also conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all easements of record including those stated in said Master Deed and including the right to use Apache Way as shown on plan recorded in said Registry, Book 139, Plan 80, and any other way or addition to Apache Way shown on plan to record in common with all others lawfully entitled thereto for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Tewksbury.

The premises are also conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of the aforesaid Master Deed and the Bylaws of Indian Ridge Condominium Association recorded with said Registry of Deeds, including the restriction that said Unit is to be used for residential purposes only.

See amendment for creation of Phase I, sub phase B recorded in said Registry, Book 2643, Page 314. Meaning and intending to convey the same premises conveyed to grantor by deed of Sullivan and Indian Ridge Development Corporation, dated August 31, 1983, and recorded at Book 2647, Page 313. For mortgagee's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Regis-

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX
SS DIVISION
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You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 03/09/2010. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, Esquire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 9, 2010
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
05552357 2/17/10

try of Deeds in Book 19259, Page 181.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises, contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2005EFC6
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200901-2093-ORE
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LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Editha P. O'Connell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 13, 2007 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 21519, Page 41 of which the Mortgagee the undersigned is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure same will be sold at Public Auction at 02:00 PM on February 25, 2010 at 491 Shawshen Street, Tewksbury, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land and buildings thereon located on Shawshen Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 2 on a plan entitled "Proposed Relocation of Lot Lines in Tewksbury, Massachusetts" dated October 1975, E. R. Watson, Registered Land Surveyor, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 123, Page 33, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY by Shawshen Street, one hundred fifty (150) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by Lot 3 on said plan, five hundred (500) feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by a line shown on said plan Northwest of Shawshen River, eighty seven and 59/100 (87.59) feet; and
SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot 1 on said plan, five hundred twenty two (522) feet.
Said Lot 2 contains 2.62 acres, more or less, according to said plan. Being the name premium conveyed to me by deed of David M. O'Connell and Barbara L. O'Connell dated August 28, 1989 recorded with said Registry, Book 5082, Page 221.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

US Bank, NA
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Orlans Moran PLLC
P.O. Box 962169
Boston, MA 02196
Phone: (617) 502-4100
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on March 8, 2010 at 7:35 p.m. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Carl Crupie for a Definitive Subdivision. Said property is located on Alabama Road/Wolcott Street, Assessor's Map 81, Lot 79, zoned Residential. The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

David Plunkett
Chairman
05552348 2/17, 2/24/10

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 2, 2010 at 8:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #10-1, to modify a previously approved plan entitled, "284 - 296 Shawshen Avenue, Wilmington, MA", dated November 24, 2008; last revised July 16, 2009, prepared by Professional Engineer; Thad D. Berry and Professional Surveyor; Andrew C. Bramhall, Benchmark Survey, 38 Montvale Avenue, Suite 180, Stoneham, MA 02180. Request submitted by Caroline Mango, 10 Margaret Lane, Billerica, MA 01821. Said property is located at 296R Shawshen Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 22 Parcels 8 & 8C. This project is for a privately owned and operated pre-school occupying 868s.f. of the lower level of the rear building. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,
Chair
Wilmington
Planning Board
05552315 2/10,2/17/10

nell dated August 28, 1989 recorded with said Registry, Book 5082, Page 221.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

US Bank, NA
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
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Phone: (617) 502-4100
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 495 Storage, LLC as a party aggrieved for review of a decision made by the Building Commissioner in a letter dated January 6, 2010 as filed with this Board. Said property is located at 545 Clark Road, Assessor's Map 12, Lot 16, zoned Heavy Industrial. The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Kenneth Collins
Chairman
05552300 2/10,2/17/10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen R. Dagata III to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated August 1, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 15904, Page 53, of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-A is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 71 Randolph Drive, Unit No. 71, Pheasant Hunt Condominium, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Condominium Unit No. 71 in Building 4, Phase III in the PHEASANT HUNT CONDOMINIUM, (the 'Condominium'), the post office address of which is North Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, created by a Master Deed (the 'Master Deed') dated March 3, 1986 and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds on March 10, 1986 in Book 3381 Page 0004 as amended in Book 3381, Page 52, and Book 3521, Page 90 and in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A, as amended ('Chapter 183A'). The Unit is more particularly described in the Master Deed and as shown on the plans recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed, contains 1004.6 square feet, more or less, and is conveyed together with the Mortgages 1.19% undivided interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium (the 'common areas and facilities') as set forth in the Master Deed.

The Unit and such undivided interest in the common areas and facilities are conveyed with the benefit of and subject to the rights, easements, restrictions, covenants, agreements, obligations, conditions and other provisions referred to or set forth in the Master Deed, the provisions of the instrument establishing the unit owners' organization formed in accordance with Section 10 of Chapter 183A, the By-Laws Contained therein and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto (hereinafter collectively called the 'Condominium Documents'), insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. The Unit together with the foregoing undivided interest

shall be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2003-A
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 3-10
Brad White
Map 43 Parcel 33
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (addition to existing dwelling, 36.5 feet from the front lot line when 40 feet is required for property located on 25 Washington Street.

Case 4-10
Janice Ruggiero
Map 86 Parcel 10B
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (front entry/mudroom 24 feet from the front lot line when 40 feet is required) for property located on 281 Woburn Street.

Case 5-10
E. Derrickson & J. Manning c/o S. Garant, Esq.
Map 86 Parcel 202
To acquire a variance from ss5.2.1 and 5.2.4 to further reduce the area of an existing nonconforming lot by 1,338 square feet for property located on 16 Winter Street.

Case 6-10
Chris Cormier
Map 60 Parcel 5
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss5.3.4 for a hamperhead lot for property located on 2 Oakdale Road.
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and appurtenant rights and the fixtures herein-after mentioned are sometimes herein referred to as the 'mortgaged premises'.

The mortgaged premises includes, to the extent of the Mortgagee's interest therein, plumbing fixtures, gas and electric fixtures, fire extinguishing systems, shades, screens, blinds, storm windows, wall partitions, attached floor coverings, and all other fixtures now or hereafter placed on or in the mortgaged premises insofar as the same are, or can be by agreement of the parties be made, a part of the realty.

Said Unit is to be used only for residential purposes. Being the same premises conveyed by Deed of John F. Comeau, Jr. and Patricia Comeau recorded with said Deeds at Book 9094, Page 143.

For mortgagee's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 9094, Page 143. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Case No.
09 MISC 416507

To: Steven J. Holbrook
Michelle J. Cormier
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: GMAC Mortgage, LLC claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 1202 Poultice Place given by Steven Holbrook and Michelle Holbrook to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated July 30, 2008, Recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 22362, Page 126, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 15th day of March, 2010 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness,
KARYN F. SCHEIER
Chief Justice of said Court on January 27, 2010
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder
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Lackluster performance still gives Redmen share of league title

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Needing a win or a tie to win the program's fourth straight Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League Division 2 championship title outright for the fourth year in a row, the Tewksbury Memorial High School Boys Hockey team threw out a complete dud performance through the first two periods of Saturday night's clash with Lincoln-Sudbury before the home crowd at the Super Skills Arena.

Tewksbury trailed 1-0 and 3-0 after the first two periods, before finally showing some — not a lot — of life in the third period and rallied back to make it a one-goal game. But LS scored with 35 seconds left to put the knife in deeper before Tewksbury scored a garbage tally with 1.3 seconds left, making it a 4-3 final, in a game that hopefully won't be remembered anytime soon.

"We were terrible in the first two periods and we played one period of hockey and by then it was too late," said head coach Derek Doherty. "We don't score a lot of goals and lately we have been given up some weak ones. We can't win hockey games if we come out in the first two periods and not skate."

Tewksbury defeated LS 5-2 in the team's first meeting of the season, on the road. Coming off a huge

win against Billerica the previous Saturday, all Tewksbury needed to do was take care of business, and at the worst get a tie against LS. Instead laying the goose egg allowed LS to celebrate on Tewksbury's home arena with a share of the league title with the Redmen.

"It was just awful, awful," said Doherty. "It was in (our kids') hands so what do you do? You go in (to the locker room) and they know what it's all about. We had a full week of practice, they were rested and there's no excuses for playing like that. You have to come out and be hungry and show some heart and that's one thing that we didn't do tonight. We let Lincoln-Sudbury beat us."

Tewksbury has struggled for consistent play all season, and has struggled to put the puck in the net. But at the same time, anyone could see which team had more talent. But on Saturday, the team that worked harder defeated the team with more talent as that was as clear to anyone in the stands.

"That team is not better than us," said Doherty. "Their goalie did play well, yes he played very well. But once they got possession of the puck, our guys were not skating back to the puck and they were going through the motions in the first two periods. I don't know if it was the win

in the Billerica game and they thought they were better than everyone else, but Lincoln-Sudbury capitalized on that. They had three shots in the first period, three shots in the third period and they win the game 4-3. I don't know what to say right now."

Besides playing without any passion, or skating with any desire, Tewksbury didn't forecheck at all even though they held a 33-13 advantage in the shot department. The forwards let the Warriors' defensemen dictate the entire game.

"That's one thing that we need to do is forecheck — we are not that talented of a team," said Doherty. "We have three or four guys who can score a few goals and we have one or two guys who have some good hands and see the ice well, but for us we need to forecheck and we didn't forecheck. We had our two wingers just sitting to see what their defensemen were going to do with the puck and once the defenseman made a decision, then our kids started to make a decision by putting some pressure on them and by that time it's too late."

"You have to beat the guys to the puck, you have to play the body and not let them get momentum started."

Tewksbury trailed 1-0 after the first period despite outshooting LS, 9-2.

The score stayed the same until late in the second period when LS scored a power play goal with 58 seconds left in the period, and 16 seconds later, the visitors made it 3-0 as the team's captain Jonathan Lewis was all alone in front and put home a rebound.

Ryan Doherty scored on a nice inside move making it 3-1 with 10:45 left in the third period, and then George Lehner scored his first of two goals on a great pass from Cody Legro, making it a one-goal game with 2:10 to go.

Then 36 seconds later, Tewksbury had a face-off in the LS end. Doherty called timeout and elected not to pull goalie James Berkeley for the extra skater.

"There was a lot of time left, 1:36 is a lot of time, and I was hoping we could keep the pressure down in their end (and then pull him)," said Doherty.

LS then was able to get the puck out of the zone and Jordan Dow scored by putting in his own rebound from the left hand circle, making it 4-2. Lehner scored on a slap shot from just inside the blue line with 1.3 seconds left making it 4-3.

Doherty was asked what he said to the team after the loss.

"I just told them that they played with no heart tonight, and they went out there and went through the motions," he said. "I told

them that if I had a sheet of ice (on Sunday), I'd show them what skating was all about. I don't have a sheet tomorrow, so I just told them that they all had to think about what they did tonight, which was nothing in the first two periods, and this performance was just terrible — just terrible."

The message that Doherty sent to his team after Saturday's loss clearly was heard on Monday afternoon as the Redmen dumped Arlington, 7-2 at home.

The Redmen jumped out to leads of 2-1 and 4-2 after the first two periods before netting three goals in the third to put the game away.

Sean McLeod and Ryan Doherty scored the first period goals, and then Dan Rose and Brad Tosto scored in the second period, before

Nick Rose, Sean Taylor and George Lehner added the third period tallies.

Ryan Doherty picked up three assists, while Dan Rose, Nick Rose, Tosto, MacLeod, Ron Pruyne and Cody Legro had one assist each.

Berkeley made 13 saves through two periods of play

before Niko Cunha made eight stops in the final period as the two goaltenders combined for the win.

With the 1-1 week, Tewksbury is now 12-5-1 on the season.

Tewksbury's week of play will get that much more difficult with the top two teams in Division 2 North with Winthrop (one loss) and Wilmington (18-0-0), all before the state tournament pairings are announced on Saturday, with possibilities of Tewksbury playing next Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Wilmington Recreational Basketball League

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Cassandra Lee. Aida Domenech scored the final point. Julie Welch and Michaela Rodenheiser both had great games.

Comets 26, Liberty 17

The Comets and Liberty played an excellent competitive game this past week. The Comets con-

tinued their winning streak with a 9-point victory over their opponent. Hannah Brown and Rachael Mara led the attack with 10 and 9 points respectively. Erin Duffy added another 4, while Michaela Ouellette and Hannah Griffin each added a basket. Jillian

Williams scored 1 point in the game.

The Liberty was led by Sarah Cokash's 13-point performance. The other four points were scored by Lauren Mulligan with 3 and Marina Otis with 1. Molly Fanikos, Lianna Natola, Brianna Perrino, and Angelica McNall all showed a lot of hustle and determination for an entire forty minutes.

Storm 19, Mercury 15

The Storm came back from their loss last week to finish the WNBA week with an exciting game against the Mercury. Sara Ennis led the Storm with 8 points.

Shreya Pai threw in 5, while Kayla Falter added 4 of her own. Kourtney Bolis scored the final basket. Brianna Tavares and Jillian Doyle made many key passes for baskets.

Ashley LaCambria dropped 7 points for the Mercury to lead their offense. Shannon Moulton threw in another 4 and Savannah Sullivan chipped in with 2. Olivia Walsh and Emily Bamberg each had a point on the day. Liz Harvey and Alivia Hamel made many key plays on both ends of the court.

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage and Security Agreement (the "Mortgage") given by Richard W. Proctor as he is Trustee of Cherish Realty Trust under a Declaration of Trust dated November 14, 2007 and recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 14012, Page 89 with a usual place of business at 2087 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876 (the "Mortgagee"), to Stoneham Savings Bank (the "Mortgagee"), which Mortgage is dated March 8, 2006, and recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 19880, Page 37, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the 11th day of March, 2010, at 2087 Main Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts (the "Mortgaged Premises"), all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in that part of said Tewksbury, bounded and described as follows:

The land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on Main Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #2 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass., owned by Richard Proctor, Robert P. Morris, P.L.S., dated April 25, 2003, Scale 1"=1", which plan is recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book 8161, Page 170 as shown on a plan recorded in Book 8161, Page 169 and as further shown on a plan recorded

in Plan Book 191, Plan 138. For Grantor's title see Deed of John W. McNear dated 11/14/02 recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 14012, Page 87.

Terms of Sale: The Mortgaged Premises will be conveyed subject to and with the benefit of any and all easements, rights and restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. The Mortgaged Premises will be sold subject as set forth above and subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, water and sewer charges, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, if any, and encumbrances of record created prior to the Mortgage, including covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens for assessments, options, powers of attorney, limitations on title, Lis Pendens of record, all leases and tenancies having priority over the Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to the Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances, if any of the foregoing there be. No representation is made as to the existence or non-existence of lead paint or UFI at the premises and the buyer purchases subject to all requirements related thereto, including the costs and expenses for same.

If the premises are not serviced by a public sewage system, the buyer shall be solely responsible for compliance with all Title V Regulations including, but not limited to, any inspection and upgrade requirements set forth in 310 CMR 15.000 et seq., including the costs and expenses for same.

The highest bidder shall be required to deposit cash, a bank treasurer's check or a certified check in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid with a bank treasurer's check or a certified check within thirty (30)

days of the date of sale at the offices of Stephen T. Kunian, Esquire, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mott, LLC, Two International Place, 16th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions of Sale at the Auction. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the Mortgaged Premises according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the Mortgaged Premises by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, Stephen T. Kunian, Esquire, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mott, LLC, Two International Place, 16th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after its receipt of written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and further provided that the second highest bidder agrees to fulfill its bid commitment which was made at the time of the foreclosure sale, and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of its delivery of the required deposit to the Mortgagee's attorneys.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later time and date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone the sale at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert M. Palazzi and Francis A. Palazzi to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 21, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 15339, Page 215, of which mortgage BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on March 17, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 2 Chase Road, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot # 42 Chase Road, on a plan entitled "Plan of a Portion of Land in Wilmington, Massachusetts, belonging to Albert P. Rounds and Others" dated April 7, 1957, Albert P. Rounds, Civil Engineer, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book of Plans 81, Plan 61 bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Chase Road, one hundred (100) feet;
Southwesterly by Lot 43, as shown on said plan, 104 feet;
Southeasterly by Lot 53, as shown on said plan, 100 feet;
Northeasterly by Lot 41, as shown on said plan, 104 feet;
Containing 10,400 square feet of land, according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 14929, Page 10.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH
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Docket No.
MH10P0369EA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

In the Estate of
Stephen M. Clark

a/k/a
Stephen Michael Clark
Late of:
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Date of Death
12/13/2009

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that Audrey H. Clark of Groveland, MA, or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve Without Surety. If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM) on 03/03/2010.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 3, 2010
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
05552331 2/17/10

LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS**
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX,
SS DIVISION
DOCKET NO.
MH10P0474GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO M.G.L.c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of:
Aline Haunton
Respondent
Alleged
Incapacitated Person
Of: Wilmington, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by MA Dept of Mental Health of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Aline Haunton is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Thomas C. Haunton of Wilmington, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is inca-

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THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX
PROBATE AND
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

DOCKET NO.
MH10P0471EA

In the Estate of
Janette L. Kennison
a/k/a
Janette L. Powers
Late of:
Wilmington, MA 01887
Date of Death
08/23/2009

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will and a codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Laurie J. Finne of Wilmington, MA be appointed administrator with the will annexed to serve Without Surety. If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM) on 03/03/2010.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 3, 2010
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
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pacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 03/03/2010. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, Esquire, First Justice of this Court.
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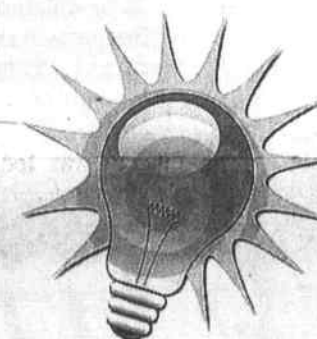
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Mite 3's win again

The Wilmington Youth Hockey Association Mite 3 team took to the ice early Sunday morning and rewarded their dedicated parents with a Valentine's gift of a win. Playing with a lead from the early part of the first period, the Wildcats rode to a 6-3 win over Reading. The boys are now unbeaten through four games with two wins and two ties.

With Alex Fitzler again in goal, Joseph Hartzell and Garrett Alberti starting on defense. Hartzell moved up to the forward lines later in the game as James LeFave and Aidan Elkins filled out the blue line corps.

Called up from the Buzzers development program, Robbie Courtney started on the left wing with Nolan Vigeant at center and Anthony Cuozzo on the right. Harry Serounian, Anthony Bowker, Riley Fitzgerald, and brothers Matt and Brendan Ardito completed the forward line rotation.

The Wildcats jumped to a first period lead when Riley Fitzgerald scored with an assist from Anthony Bowker. The defense controlled the flow of the game, and Wilmington extended their lead on Harry Serounian's backhand goal in the first minute of the second. Robbie Courtney got in on the action moments later, running the lead to three.

Reading broke onto the scoreboard midway through the second, but in the closing moments of the period, Anthony Cuozzo gathered two assists, first setting up Nolan Vigeant, and then Aidan Elkins in the final minute.

Reading fought back hard in the third period, with two goals a minute apart. But the tenacity of the Wilmington team, so often seen when coming from behind, this time showed through with Nolan Vigeant scoring the final goal of the game with only two minutes remaining.

The three goal margin indicated how well the Wildcats played the game.

Above left, Kate Cowden tries to defend a Masconomet player during a recently played 8th Grade Girls Basketball team, and above right, Lauren McKenna takes a shot during last week's WHS Freshmen Girls game held at the high school. (courtesy photos).

K of C Free Throw winners advance to another round

Five Free Throw Shooters, representing Fr. Croke Council Knights of Columbus in Wilmington, were victorious in the K of C District Shoot-out held recently at the Andover K of C Gymnasium. Facing contestants from the Burlington and Tewksbury Councils, the Wilmington shooters took five of the ten age categories in which they competed. The winners were:

Boys

- 12 Brian Cavanaugh
- 14 Cody Crampton

Girls

- 10 Samantha Grasso
- 13 Sara Cokash

14 Allyson Braciska

The other five Wilmington shooters were very competitive and lost their age brackets by very slim margins.

These five shooters will now advance to the Northern Region Shoot-out, at the Parker Middle School in Reading, on March 20th. Winners from that contest qualify for the K of C State Championships, to be held at Holy Cross College in April.

Congratulations to this fine group of shooters and good luck in the Regionals. Wilmington has been fortunate to have had a number of State Champions in the past and perhaps we can add to the list.

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House Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Murphy, House Minority Leader Brad Jones and State Rep. Jim Dwyer discuss state budget



HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN CHARLIE MURPHY of Burlington (right) sits down with State Rep. Jim Dwyer of Woburn in Murphy's office at the State House recently. The pair discussed the state budget, as well as Dwyer's domestic violence bill, during a cable television taping.



HOUSE MINORITY LEADER BRAD JONES (RIGHT) AND STATE REP. JIM DWYER meet in Jones' State House office recently. Jones, the top Republican in the House, and Dwyer, a democrat, represent Reading and many surrounding communities.

By PAUL FEELY

BOSTON - With the state currently in the midst of its toughest budget crunch in decades, it's comforting for some residents of Middlesex East communities to know their representatives on Beacon Hill hold positions of power.

Rep. Charles A. Murphy, who serves the Twenty-first Middlesex District (consisting of the towns of Bedford and Burlington, and precinct 3 of the town of Wilmington), holds the title of Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

On the Republican side of the aisle, Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading), who represents the Twentieth Middlesex (consisting of precincts 1, 3 and 4, of the town of Lynnfield, and precinct 1, of the town of Middleton, both in the county of Essex; and the town of North Reading, and precincts 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8, of the town of Reading), is the highest ranking Republican in the House, serving as Minority Leader.

On a recent trip to the State House, Middlesex East shadowed a crew from Reading Community Television (RCTV) as they taped a show involving Representative Jim Dwyer (D-Woburn), who represents the 30th Middlesex District (Woburn Wards 2-6, Reading Precincts, 2,3, and 5, and Stoneham's Precinct 3), as he interviewed both Reps, Murphy and Jones about their roles on the Hill, the current budget climate in the state, and how they work together as members of different political parties to represent their districts, the Middlesex east residents who elected them.

Since being elected House Ways and Means chairman in February of 2009, Rep. Murphy has put in many long hours at the position, but it's one he loves.

"Coming into it I don't think you realize just how much work goes into the position, but it's something I enjoy," said Murphy. "You have your hands in basically everything that's coming through the State House, from the budget to any bill."

After graduating from the Burlington Public School system, Murphy attended Villanova University and Vermont Law School. In 1989, he joined the US Marine Corps, where he served for five years and rose to the rank of Captain. As a Marine, he served a six-month tour as Staff Judge Advocate aboard the USS Gaudacanal, acted as a military prosecutor, and was appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Following his military service, Murphy returned to Massachusetts to attend the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. After completing his degree, he moved back to Burlington, and was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1997 and has been representing the 21st Middlesex District for 13 years.

Serving in a position of such prestige and power during these tough times can be trying, but it is a responsibility that Murphy bears willingly.

"It's a tough economy, no question about it," said Murphy. "Some have said it's the worst since the Depression, but we will get one (a balanced budget) done. We have to. We are looking at the numbers, the tax numbers, and it's a challenge, but we will get it done. The governor made an announcement that he doesn't want to cut local aid, but we're the ones who make the budget, so it remains to be seen."

Bills that lawmakers are interested in filing come through Murphy's office before they are officially submitted. His team of staff members looks it over, and occasionally if a bill matches up with one that other parties are working on, his staff will work to combine the language into a single document.

One bill submitted recently came from Rep. Dwyer, which enjoyed co-sponsorship from 25 colleagues from both major political parties. The bill addresses the problem of repeat domestic violence offenders.

Known as "An Act Relative to Repeat Domestic Violence Offenders", it implements graduated penalties for repeat offenders and directs judges to utilize specific factors in determining the type of relationship the offender and victim are in at the time of the offense, whether it be a serious dating, engagement, or marital.

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"The Wolfman" updates a horror classic



"THE WOLFMAN" IS AN OLDFASHIONED horror movie, but it uses 21st-century cinematography to bring the werewolves to life. This is a film that horror film fans will love, and maybe even the general public would enjoy it too.

"THE WOLFMAN"
GRADE: ***

Fans of classic horror will love "The Wolfman", especially the fact that it pulls off its special effect transformations from man to beast without any CGI help.

The rest of the general public might like it too.

Inspired by the 1941 horror classic "The Wolf Man," this tribute brings 21st-century cinematography, Rick Baker's Oscar-winning makeup effects, and plenty of blood and gore, while respecting the original horror classic.

Benicio Del Toro plays Lawrence Talbot, an actor who returns to his family estate after many years when his brother's fiancée (Emily Blunt) writes, telling him the brother has disappeared, asking for his help.

Even before the story unfolds, it's easy to see why Del Toro stayed away and hard to imagine why Blunt sticks around. His father (played by Anthony Hopkins) is mysterious and creepy, and the family home is full of cobwebs, leaves and memories of Del Toro's dead mother.

The nearby woods and town are so dark and foreboding, and its where Del

Toro is bitten by the beast that killed his brother. It happens early on and sets the stage for all the hairy, bloody violence to come.

The surprise is that so much of the evil comes from monsters of the non-lupine variety.

With CGI technology, most recent movie werewolves transform into actual, although overgrown, wolves. While Del Toro definitely has better makeup than Lon Chaney Jr., his werewolf walks upright and wears clothes, just like the original. Scary in an old-school way.

If there's one drawback, it's that the filmmakers are so heavy-handed with their foreshadowing that what could have been plot twists and turns are figured out long before.

"CRAZY HEART"
GRADE: ****

Country singer Bad Blake has given up trying to deal with all of the disappointments in his life - the biggest one being himself. He walks around with unkempt hair and dirty clothes, and often appears on stage with his belt undone and pants loosened.

Jeff Bridges plays Blake in Crazy Heart, and he turns in an unquestionably

great performance. We've been down this self-destructive road before, but Bridges makes taking the journey again worthwhile. If you've seen such films as "Tender Mercies" with Robert Duvall or the more recent "The Wrestler" with Mickey Rourke, you've seen the tale of the aging professional just trying to make a living at what they love, while feeling sorry for themselves. But Bridges puts in the performance of a lifetime here, and makes taking that familiar trip worthwhile again.

Every mistake Blake has made is written on the actor's face and is present in the world-weary shuffle he employs. Once a chart-topper, the singer is reduced to playing bowling alleys and bars, that is if he can make it through his set without throwing up. Blake's pride, no matter how battered, keeps him traveling from one dive to the next, singing the hard-living songs he's not only written but also lived.

Because this is a movie, naturally a shot at a comeback will come Blake's way as well as another chance at love, this time with a reporter (Maggie Gyllenhaal) who is in love more with his legend than his behavior. Though it's hard to believe that she would actually be attracted to him, the two leads play it with enough sincerity to make you overlook the improbability of it. Duvall even appears in this one as Blake's confidant, and the comparisons to Tender Mercies are inescapable.

Heart stacks up favorably as another tale of one man's long journey back from the dark side of himself, and the film is a bitter-sweet little movie that will make Bridges an Oscar winner on March 7.

"EDGE OF DARKNESS"
GRADE: ***

'Edge of Darkness' marks the return to the big screen as an actor for Mel Gibson, who has not played a major lead role since Signs in 2002. This is familiar territory for him, playing a man seeking vengeance, and he plays it well in this highly engaging thriller, set in Boston.

Unlike far too many vigilante movies, Edge of Darkness doesn't just get audience members angry along with the main hero. The film, based on a BBC mini-series and centered around the story of detective Thomas Craven (Gibson) hunting down those responsible for the murder of his daughter Emma, packs an unexpected emotional punch.

Gibson remains as rough and tough as ever, yet the picture he projects these days as an older figure and his stern demeanor provide a personable core to what could easily have been

an improbable whodunnit film (though his Boston accent leaves a lot to be desired).

The conspiracy related to Emma's shooting requires concentration, or you'll fall off the trail, but that's one of the best features of the film - the taut, tight nature of the storyline. It's intricate, not impossible.

Craven's investigation takes over his life after a short family reunion establishes his gruff persona and what he knows about his daughter.

Giving viewers something to care about, Gibson a good starting point for obsessive police work, Emma's death soon has solitary Craven working to unravel a high-stakes scandal.

As an audience member, you'll enjoy connecting the dots with Craven as he unravels the mystery, with the trail coming to a very satisfying solution.

"EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES"
GRADE: **

"Extraordinary Measures" wants to be an inspirational film but the piece, the first to be put out by the new CBS Films, looks like it would look better as the Movie of the Week rather than a full-length, big screen feature.

The movie is executive-produced by star Harrison Ford and loosely based on a real-life story, "Measures" is good enough, and it certainly knows how to push the right buttons to generate an emotional response from the audience, but too much of the time it feels like a story you have heard many times before.

The story is inspired by John Crowley (Brendan Fraser), a drug company exec whose family is hit with a genetic tragedy. Crowley's two youngest children suffer from Pompe disease, a multiple-sclerosis-like condition in which the victims waste away because they lack an essential enzyme, with all victims dying by age 9.

To save his children, the real-life Crowley quits his job (thereby losing his health insurance) and, after attracting money from venture capitalists, established a firm to do fast-track research on Pompe. Its work was so promising that it was bought by a major drug company.

Crowley's tale was told in the book "The Cure: How a Father Raised \$100 Million - and Bucked the Medical Establishment - in a Quest to Save His Children." The movie version provides more drama, creating the fictional character Robert Stonehill (Ford), an ornery university scientist who works in obscurity and alienates just about everyone, but who has come closest to solving the Pompe puzzle.

Stonehill is brilliant, but he has a hard time dealing with the venture capitalist's restrictions, and tries to

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KEREN MCGINITY TO SPEAK FEBRUARY 23

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READING CIVIC BAND SHOW FEBRUARY 23

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This time, however, Director/Conductor Lucinda Ellert has pulled together music from the whole spectrum of genres available to a symphonic wind band.

The concert title, "True Colors" promises to be more of a salad of tone colors such as: The Red Pony, Dance of the Rose, Maidens, Blue Shades, The Green Domino etc.

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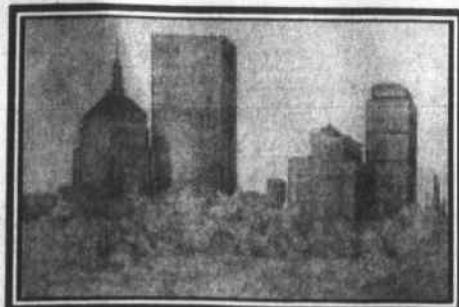
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Jonathan Richard, senior, basketball

Kasey Mammola, senior, basketball
Mark Kaliris, senior, basketball

READING
Charlotte Irwin, senior, hockey
Michelle Teague, senior, swimming

TEWKSBURY
Kaleigh Gorman, senior, hockey

WAKEFIELD
Steve Massaro, senior, swimming

WILMINGTON
Rachel Saloman, senior, track
Ron DiTullio, senior, track

WOBURN
Nicole Russo, senior, cheering

Calendar

From S-2

Hilaire and Kelly Walsh of Kadanse Latin and Ballroom Dance Instruction of Burlington. Audience members will have a chance to join Fitz and Kelly as well as participate in a mini dance contest.

The concert is on March 20 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7. and March 21 at 3 p.m. Doors open at 2. The location is the Americal Civic Center, 467 Main Street, Wakefield.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and children. Tickets can be ordered at tickets@mcconcertband.org or 781-279-0108 or at the door.

OIL PAINTER RYAN AT ART GUILD FEB. 18

The Lynnfield Art Guild (LAG) is delighted to invite the public to an oil painting demonstration by noted local artist James (Jim) Ryan on Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Lynnfield Senior Center, 525 Salem Street, Lynnfield. Jim's work is frequently based on New England landscapes, seascapes and the fishing industry.

A resident of Peabody for over 40 years, Jim is best known as a specialist in historical military paintings. He is a consultant for Raytheon Industries, for whom he has worked for many years, and through which he creates limited edition oil paintings of the armed services after traveling and photographing areas around the globe.

Jim's paintings, which received international acclaim, are hung in the Pentagon and in many corporate boardrooms.

Jim also has worked as a commercial illustrator for Ken McKellars Studios and for Bradlees Department Stores. He is a past Gold Medal Grumbacher medalist for the Lynnfield Art Guild and a member of the Peabody and Lynnfield Art Guilds, for which he is the new president.

The public is invited to attend this and all monthly

LAG demonstrations which occur on the third Thursday of each month from September through May.

Membership includes the privilege of participating in the winter and the spring judged annual shows. With over 150 members in arts, crafts and photography from over 28 area communities, the LAG is a great opportunity to gain education, inspiration and community.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

VNA of Middlesex East and Visiting Nurse Hospice will offer a Bereavement Support Group for men and women suffering a loss of a spouse or partner. This support group is a gathering for persons to share their sorrow without judgement, learn about the process of grief, and find hope to move forward.

The group will meet on 8 Wednesdays, March 3 - April 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No meeting on April 7.

The group is facilitated by Christine L. Bavaro, M.Ed., a licensed mental health counselor and certified social worker with 30 years of counseling experience.

There is no charge for the support group, but registration is limited. Contact Christine Bavaro at 781-224-3399, ext. 2252 for more information.

Movies

From S-2

blow the deal with a few stunts. But Crowley faces a parent's worst nightmare if his efforts fail, and he has to keep the scientist focused on his work.

The stumbling blocks are predictable - shortages of money, the stunts pulled by the star scientist, setbacks with the kids - as is the movie. "Extraordinary Measures" isn't a bad film

About the Towns TOSS, LAND, AND CATCH

by Phyllis Nissen

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

FIT TO BE TIED (STONEHAM)

"The town's Board of Health reportedly investigated the sound levels on the racquetball court in the new LA Fitness center at the Redstone Shopping Plaza and concluded that the noise does not exceed thresholds outlined under state regulations," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"A few months ago, one abutter to the fitness facility urged the Selectmen to investigate the sound levels from the racquetball courts, which he claimed were impacting his quality of life.

"In particular, the neighbor claimed that he could regularly hear a thumping noise from his upper-floor unit at the Monterosa condominium complex. At first doubtful that the sound could travel that far, various town officials visited the area and were shocked to hear the noise emanating from the building.

"During a later Board of Selectmen meeting, local attorney Steven Ciccatelli, representing LA Fitness, promised to investigate the source of the thumping noise and to fix the problem.

"However, according to Selectman Frank Vallarelli, if the sound isn't exceeding the thresholds outlined under state regulations, the town can't force any action.

"They [the Board of Health] did do some decibel readings on three different occasions," Vallarelli explained. "So they did follow through and there are no violations."

"So for now, as far as we're concerned, there are no violations and no actions the board can take," Selectmen Chair John DePinto commented.

SOUL FOOD (WILMINGTON)

"Since taking office, President Obama has pushed for an increase in volunteer work and community service. One local resident is taking him at his word," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"Alex Soper, a citizen of Wilmington, has collected one thousand shoes, which will be

sent to Rwanda. Soper attends St. Charles Elementary School in Woburn. He is nine years old, and in the fourth grade.

"Soper was moved into action through a combination of President Obama's urging and his parents' experiences in the African country.

"Tammy and Peter Soper, his parents, spent time in Rwanda in a small village as part of a church group. After noticing that many of the people in the photographs from the trip were lacking shoes, Alex was inspired to start a collection of shoes to ship to the country. After deciding on what he intended to collect, he set his goal on one thousand shoes. Rwanda is commonly referred to as the 'Land of a Thousand Hills,' so Soper decided to call his project 'A Thousand Shoes for a Thousand Hills.'

"Soper designed, created and distributed fliers at his school and among his friends and families, including one that featured a scale that correlated to his goals. He also set up cardboard donation boxes. One was placed in the driveway of the family's Wilmington home, and others were placed at his school.

"The collection started in early November, and Soper reached his goal of five hundred pairs—totaling one thousand shoes—in December...In addition to the tremendous success of his shoe drive, Soper is also considering other collection drives, such as a clothing drive, that would take place in the future.

"Alex Soper wished to express his gratitude to all those who donated shoes to the project and helped him to reach his goals."

Thank you, Alex.

FISH SCALES (READING)

"A legal notice has gone out requesting bids to construct a fishing platform on the banks of the Ipswich River in Reading, no later than mid-June 2010," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

The Department of Fish and Game, through its Office of Fishing and Boating Access, recently sought sealed bids for the construction of a shore fishing platform, canoe access and miscellaneous

work in Reading, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Office of Fishing and Boating Access.

"This project consists of constructing a parking area, path, shore fishing platform, canoe access and miscellaneous work in accordance with the above referenced documents. The estimated project value is \$12,000," notes the "Daily Times Chronicle."

Bids were to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Department, in the bid package and received at the office of the Office of Fishing and Boating Access, 1440 Soldiers

Field Road, Brighton, MA 02135, until 11:00 AM, local time, Thursday, January 28, 2010, at which time they were publicly opened and read.

All bids were to be submitted in accordance with the Contract Documents and accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the value of the bid.

Work must be completed no later than June 15, 2010.

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net.

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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: What was the first Super Bowl in which the winning points were scored on the final play? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•The New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (NEILA) has released its 2010 preseason poll, along with its preseason All-New England Team. The Hawks have been picked fourth in the poll, while **SENIOR KEVIN DEBENEDETTO (READING)** has been named as a preseason All-Star. Earlier in the preseason, DeBenedetto was named as a Face-Off Yearbook Preseason Honorable Mention All-American, as selected by Inside Lacrosse.

DeBenedetto became the first three-time All-New England First Team selection in Saint Anselm history last and also earned Northeast-10 All-Conference Second Team honors for the first time in his career. DeBenedetto led the Hawks with 17 caused turnovers and had 33 ground balls to go with three goals and one assist. DeBenedetto, a member of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National Student-Athlete Honor Society, is an international relations major with a cumulative GPA of 3.42.

The Hawks are coming off an 8-7 season in 2009 and an appearance in the Northeast-10 Tournament Semifinals. Saint Anselm kicks off the season on February 27th as the team travels to NYIT for a 1 p.m. start in Old Westbury, N.Y.

•Two Austin Preparatory School seniors from **READING** have led their respective winter teams to successful seasons as captains this year.

SENIOR MICHELLE TEAGUE leads the swim team as captain this season. A four-year veteran of the team, she hopes to qualify for both sectionals and state competition. She is the daughter of Paul and Jeanne Teague of Reading.

CHARLOTTE IRWIN of Reading, also a senior, is the captain of the girls hockey team. She is the daughter of Bryan Irwin and Patrice Todisco of Reading.

•Need some help with this week's question? It involved the Patriots.

•**JACQUI BARRETT, A SENIOR FROM WOBURN**, was named the Northeast-10 Conference Field Athlete of the Week Wednesday after another personal milestone at the Yale University Giegengack Invitational Saturday at the Coxie Cage.

The honor marked the third straight week and fifth time in seven meets this season that Barrett earned the distinction.

Barrett placed third overall and tops among Division II-III field in the shot put with a throw of 48 feet, 5.5 inches, besting her previous personal best of 47' 5.75" last week at Boston University. Barrett's throw placed behind only Brynn Smith (49' 6.5) and Danielle Grunloh (49' 6.5), both of Brown University.

Barrett's effort was the fifth time she earned a per-

sonal-best this season. She currently stands third on the NCAA Division II list.

Three UMass Lowell athletes - seniors Haley Catarius (Marshfield, MA), William Nguidjoi (Lawrence, MA) and Tim Guerin (Auburn, MA) - were cited to the NE-10 Weekly Honor Roll. Catarius shattered her own school record for the second straight week in the 800 meters as she placed second in 2:11.91, just behind Yale's Kate Grace (2:11.80).

Catarius' result pits her fourth on the Division II list, and eclipsed her previous milestone of 2:13.35.

Nguidjoi placed second in the long jump with a leap of 22' 5.25", just an inch behind Daniel Wu of UMass. He also placed in a tie for ninth (tied for first among Division II-III entries) in the triple jump with a distance of 42' 6.75".

•**EVAN WHITE, A FRESHMAN FROM TEWKSBURY (TEWKSBURY H.S.)**, was named the UMass Lowell/Lowell Five Savings Bank Athlete of the Week Wednesday following a milestone effort at the Boston University Terrier Invitational.

White, named the Northeast-10 Conference Freshman Athlete of the Week for the second time this season on Tuesday, placed third overall in the 200 meter dash - tops among college athletes - with a time of 21.63 seconds, just behind Edino Steel of Zenith Velocity Track Club (21.07) and independent Marvin Lewis (21.56).

White's result eclipsed the school record of 21.82 seconds set in 2006 by Lawrence Aidoo and virtually booked his place in the NCAA Championship in March. The time currently stands as the third-fastest in Division II this season.

A liberal arts major, White is the son of Geraldine White of Tewksbury, MA, and Randy White of Stoughton, MA.

•**Jamie Gillis**, a senior goalkeeper from North Billerica, MA, and **Kathleen Strazzere**, a senior from Wilmington, were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division II All-America Teams.

In a season full of milestones, Gillis and Strazzere are the first-ever UMass Lowell women's soccer players to earn All-American honors in the program's 15-year history.

Gillis was named to the First Team while Strazzere was cited to the Second Team. The duo led UMass Lowell to a 12-5-4 overall record - matching the school record for wins in a season - as well as a 10-3-2 clip in the Northeast-10 Conference, good for third place.

For the fourth time in

five years, UMass Lowell advanced to the NCAA Tournament where it drew with Merrimack in the first round (0-0) before falling 4-3 on penalty kicks after two overtime periods.

"This is certainly a well-deserved honor," said UML Head Coach Elie Monteiro. "Jamie and Kathleen have worked extremely hard throughout their careers. It is fantastic that they are able to graduate having been selected to the All-America teams."

Gillis and Strazzere were also named to the NSCAA East Region First Team and to the NE-10 First

Team. Additionally, Gillis was named the NE-10 Goalkeeper of the Year while Strazzere was named the Co-Defensive Player of the Year (alongside Franklin Pierce's Rachel Smith).

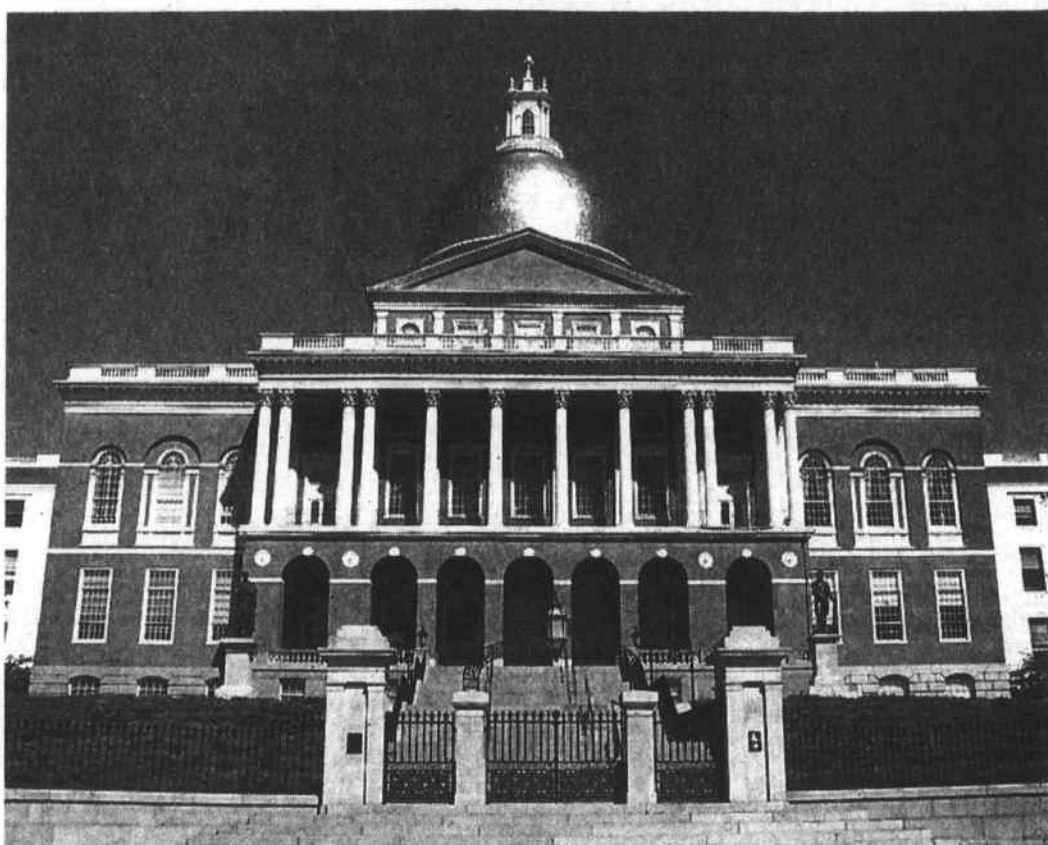
Over the last four years, Gillis and Strazzere have led the River Hawks to a record of 41-24-14, which includes three appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Together, they led a defensive unit which ranked among 2009 NCAA Division II leaders in save percentage (third, .889, 72/79), goals against average (fourth, 0.45) and shutout

percentage (fifth, .667/14):

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** In Super Bowl XXXVI Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal gave the Patriots a 20-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200.



Reps From S-1

repeat domestic violence offenders. This legislation makes sure that second, third, and fourth time offenders are made responsible for their actions through graduated penalties.

"One instance of domestic violence is too many and the adverse effects on families are immeasurable. This long overdue and important legislation addresses serious issues involving the sentencing of repeat offenders and I believe the time is now to take a stronger stance in making offenders accountable and victim's families safer," said Rep. Dwyer.

Statistics have shown that one in four women in the Commonwealth is susceptible to domestic violence. This legislation would help prevent future instances of domestic violence.

"After working 34 years in the criminal justice field, I have witnessed firsthand that repeat offenders tend to become more violent," said Rep. Dwyer. "With these graduated penalties, the hope is that we can remove these offenders from society and place them into our correctional system where they will be held accountable for their actions and access mandatory programs that address anger management and psychological issues."

Regarding the economy, Murphy thinks the slow turnaround has begun in Massachusetts.

"I like to tell people that I think we've hit the bottom," said Murphy. "Each month we look at the numbers coming in as revenue, and in each of the last four months we've been above the estimates, which is

a good thing. The benchmarks are low, but we are surpassing them, so we're doing okay in that respect."

While party politics always comes into play on Beacon Hill, ultimately those elected to serve there are sent to look out for the interests of their constituents, and sometimes that requires them to cross to the other side of the aisle.

Dwyer represents Reading in the House alongside the state's top Republican, House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). While some may view them as a political Odd Couple, they have developed a friendship over a short period of time that allows them to work together to get secure what is best for their districts.

"The reality is that a lot of the issues that we work on, and work together on, as legislators are non-partisan issues, directly related to our districts," said Jones. "And being able to work together has brought success over the years."

Jones has served the Reading and North Reading area for the past 15 years. Since his election to the House of Representatives in 1994, he has never missed a roll call vote. Currently, his district includes the towns of Reading, North Reading, Lynnfield and Middleton. In 2002, his colleagues elected him House Republican Leader. Today, he continues to serve as the highest ranking Republican in House leadership.

As Minority leader, Jones often wears two hats - representing his district, as well as providing leadership to the members of his party.

"First and foremost I am a Representative for my district," said Jones. "As Minority Leader I have the

additional obligation of leading a small group of Republicans, and we feel we have a duty to try and provide some checks and balances in the process on Beacon Hill."

Jones and Dwyer often work together, including most recently when Jones was a cosponsor of Dwyer's domestic violence bill.

"The fact of the matter is, and it's a mathematical fact, that no bill can get through without a majority of the membership behind it," said Jones. "There are a lot of issues, that are not as fun to write about in the media (no offense), that enjoy broad support across party lines. Most of the issues that we work on together, for Reading, are nonpartisan."

Jones, Dwyer and Murphy are all now involved in crafting a balanced state budget for Fiscal Year 2011, though Jones comes at it from a different direction as a member of the minority party.

"The governor announces his budget, and everyone kind of locks in on the fact that he won't cut Local Aid," said Jones. "The challenge is that when the governor announces that, he doesn't announce all the other things in his budget that allow him to do that. Our challenge is to come up with the same numbers he did, but we need to figure out ways to do that. My relationship with the current governor is certainly not as strong as it was with the former governor, or what it might be with future governors. Quite frankly, I think the governor hasn't done a very good job. I think he has been a couple of steps behind where he needs to be at almost each and every step of the process. It's very frustrating."

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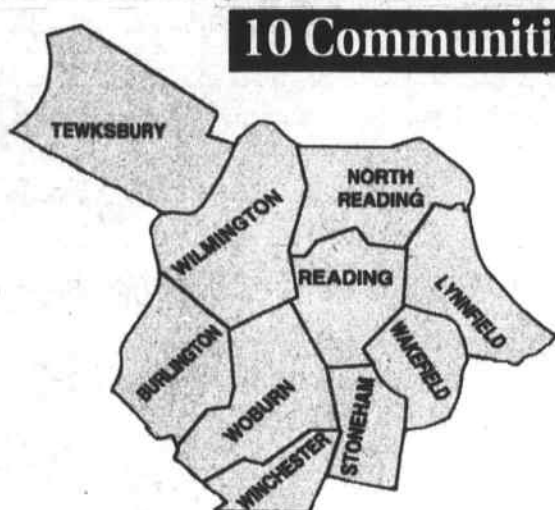
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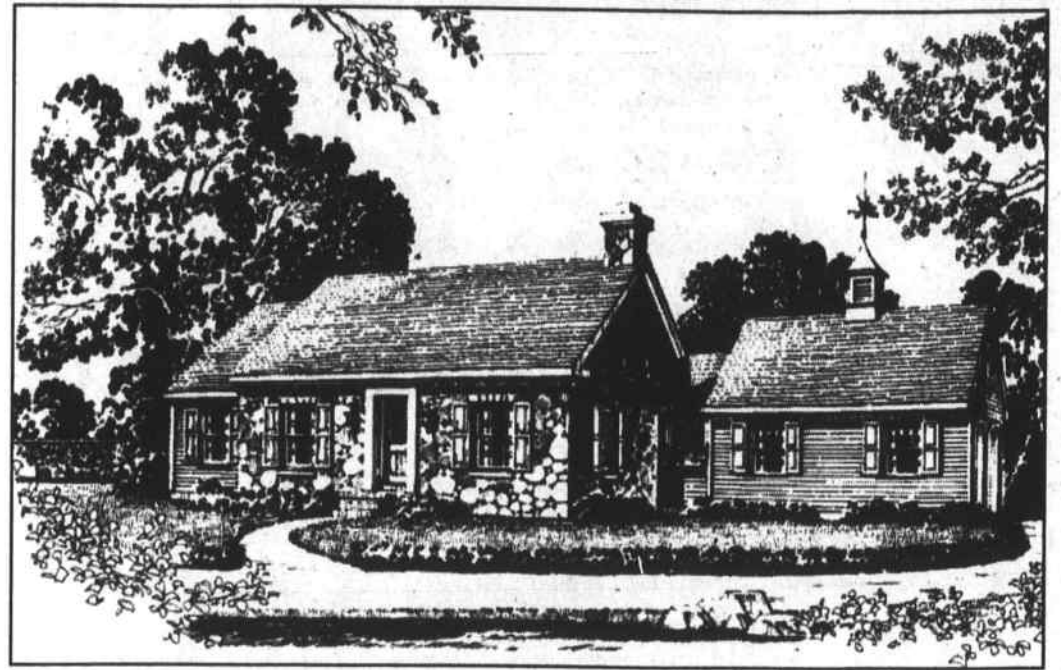


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The Ayersville



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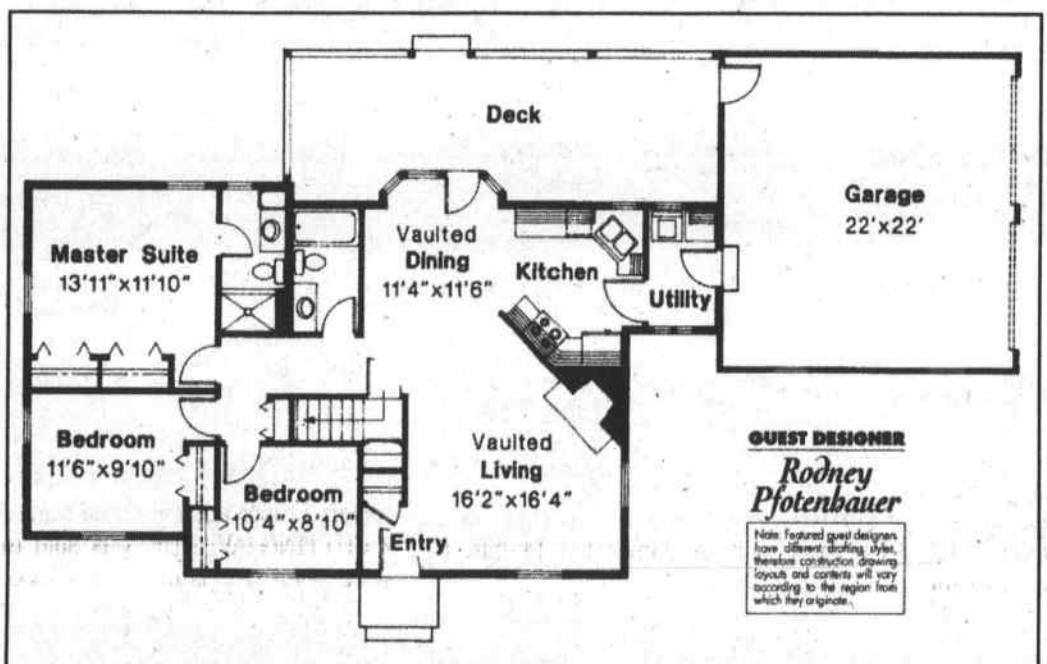
Distinctive exterior features, in addition to the stone veneer, include a stone chimney, stone lintels over the multipaned windows and colorful wooden shutters. A cupola with a weathervane crowns the garage, providing an additional dash of colonial flavor.

This home is only 37 feet 4 inches deep - narrow enough to fit on a 50 foot wide lot with room to spare - and designed for construction over a full basement. The 1,300 square foot home is fully equipped for day to day living while the free flowing dining room/living room allows plenty of space for entertaining.

This large room has a 12 foot vaulted ceiling. A quarter round window, near the top of the wall to the right of the stone fireplace, adds illumination. A mirror image window, on the other side of the chimney, brightens the kitchen. Trailing plants flourish on the plant shelf that separates the living room from the kitchen. Another plant shelf, on the opposite side of the room, conceals the basement stairs.

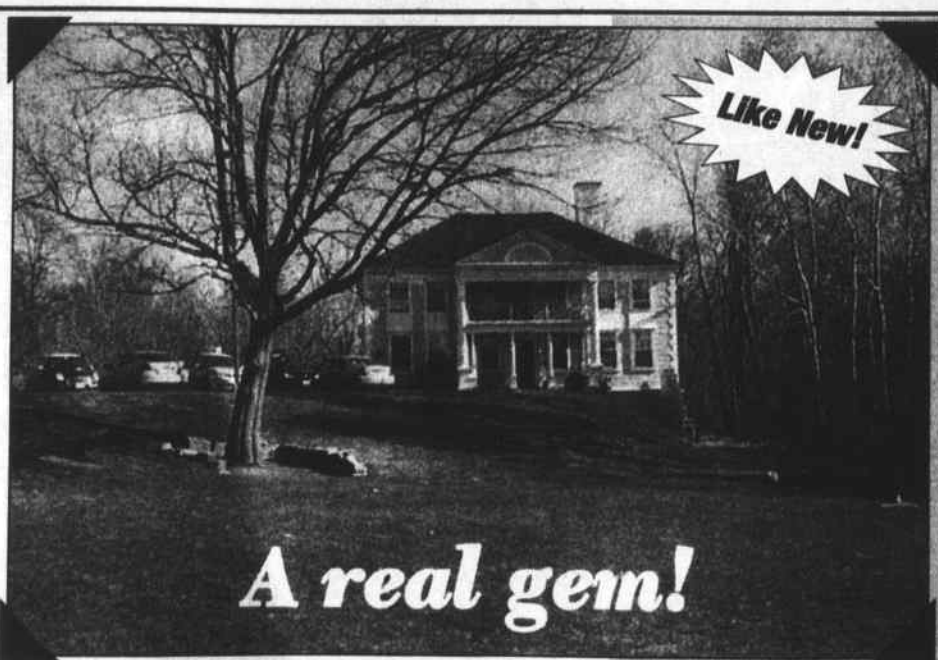
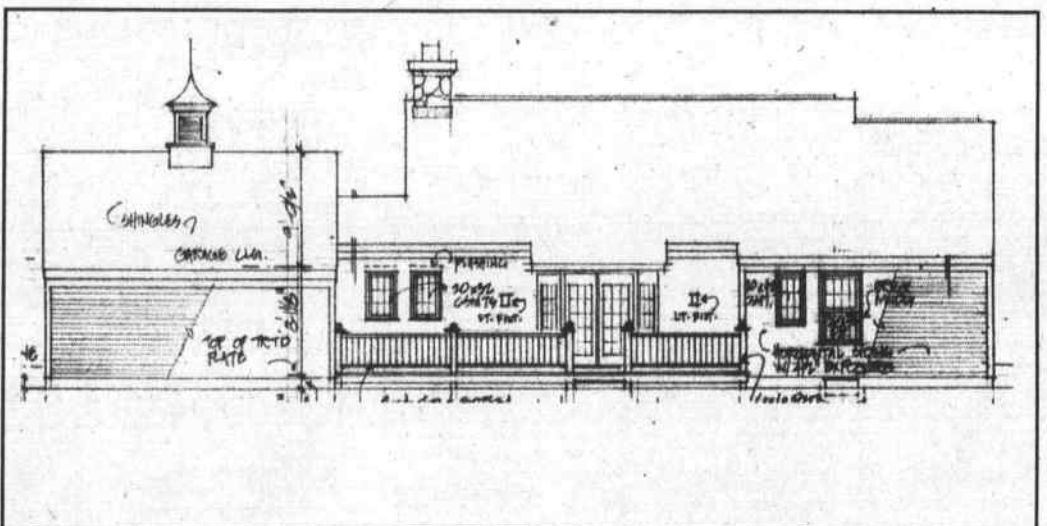
French doors in the bayed dining room open onto a railed deck. Diamond shaped windows add charm to a utility alcove, nestled in the passageway to the garage.

The Ayersville's master suite has a large closet and private bathroom with an oversized shower. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom with a combination tub and shower.



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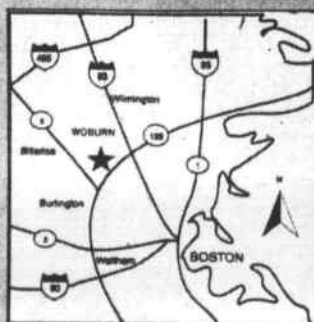
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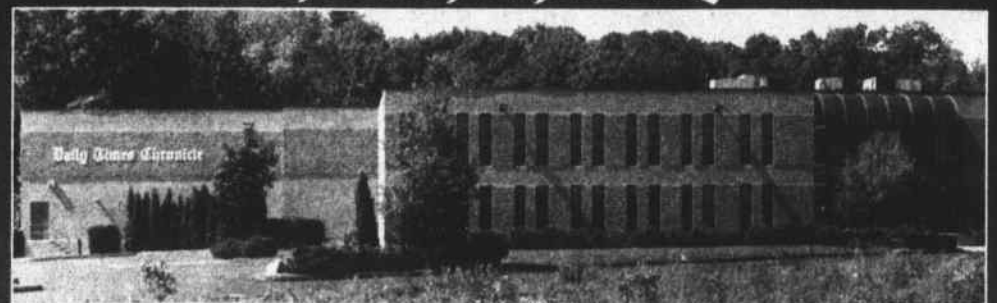
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1 BIRCHCREST STREET was sold to Christopher and Melissa Lynch by James and Lisa Duffy for \$522,400
 16 CRANBERRY LANE #16 was sold to Bernard and Elaine Driscoll by Ann Ruping for \$555,000
 6 MAPLE RIDGE DRIVE #6 was sold to Thomas Brady by Patricia A Basteri T and Patricia A Basteri for \$360,000
 20 MARJORIE ROAD was sold to Jeffrey and Lori Vienneau by Ryan Fine and Courtney Graham-Fine for \$480,500

-NORTH READING-

15 BRASSIE WAY #15 was sold to Olped LLC by JP Morgan Mtg Acqui Corp for \$281,000
 36 MAIN STREET #23 was sold to Bank of New York Mellon by Matthew Cantrell and Bank of New York Mellon for \$136,062

-READING-

27 CALIFORNIA ROAD was sold to Theresa and Christopher Wright by Dimitri and Karen Emelianoff for \$515,000
 311 GAZEBO CIRCLE was sold to Sonit Tomar and Sarika Verma by Paul and Nancy Bournival for \$335,000
 67 GLEASON ROAD was sold to Elizabeth Donahue and Theresa Cotter by Dezra Kenney for \$495,000
 104 PLEASANT STREET was sold to Edward and Hannah Raupp by James E. Mcauley Estate and Thomas R Mcauley for \$315,000
 605 SUMMER AVENUE #219 was sold to David and Deana Zhu Wong by Rita Sforza RET and Lauren Fusco for \$200,000

-STONEHAM-

16 EMERSON STREET was sold to 16 Emerson Street RT and Chris Anderson by GMAC Mortgage LLC for \$128,000
 68 HIGH STREET was sold Laura Fardy by Dennis Fardy for \$375,000
 6 THOMPSON POND ROAD was sold to Lawrence and Maura Payne by Judith Mcjohn and Christina Lach for \$586,000

-TEWKSBURY-

100 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE was sold to 100 Country Club Drive RT and Anna Kaczowka by Deutch Bank Natl T Co for \$228,000
 30 FRANKLIN STREET was sold to Mark Conserva by US Bk for \$251,000
 71 JOHNSON ROAD was sold to Donald Maclaren by New Locut RT and John Ripa for \$285,000

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Middlesex East
Real Estate

This week's sampler: 162 Salem Street, Wakefield



Gracious Antique Colonial Home on a beautiful one acre level lot is reminiscent of a Currier and Ives holiday photo. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a two car detached garage/barn combination.

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1st Ad - Lovely Ranch style home set on a private 1.4 acre wooded lot. Fireplaced LR, S/S appl's in kit plus 2 car garage with huge, finished room!

\$315,000

LAND

LAST ONE LEFT! Private 1+ acre lot surrounded by 8+ acres of conservation land on Andover/NR line!

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WAKEFIELD



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NORTH ANDOVER



NORTH ANDOVER - FANTASTIC CURB APPEAL! Gorgeous 10Rm, 4BR, 2.5Ba center ent. Colonial. Elegant details & stunning design create perfect set. for comf. living & entertaining. Feat. include: C/A, 2FP, HW, cath. ceilings, lib., sun room, deck and lovely 1-Acre lot. \$669,900

WAKEFIELD



WAKEFIELD - New listing! Beautiful Lake Quannapowitt n'ghbrhd! Well maintained Ranch, 6Rms, 2Bdrms, 1.5Bths, C/A, finished bsmnt & 1 car gar. Lrg FP living room w/bow window, newer roof, gutters and Andersen windows. Large 3 season room and lovely back yard. \$369,000

STONEHAM



STONEHAM - NEW PRICE! - PRISTINE! 4Br, 1.5Ba Garrison Colonial features a sleek maple kitchen with granite and stainless steel, formal dining room, fabulous large FP living room that opens to the deck and yard and too much more to list in this ad. A must see! \$469,900



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